## Proverbs2

## #Moral Benefits of Wisdom

- 2 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,
- 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—
- 3 indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,
- 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,
- 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.
- 6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
- 7 He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,
- 8 for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.
- 9 Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.
- 10 For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.
- 11 Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.
- 12 Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse,
- 13 who have left the straight paths to walk in dark ways,
- 14 who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,
- 15 whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways.
- 16 Wisdom will save you also from the adulterous woman, from the wayward woman with her seductive words,
- 17 who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God.[a]
- 18 Surely her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead.
- 19 None who go to her return or attain the paths of life.
- 20 Thus you will walk in the ways of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous.
- 21 For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it;
- 22 but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be torn from it.