1. There is a prayer that's always answered

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, King of Israel. (1.1)

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If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt ... (James 1.5-6) 2. Don't make the mistake of being an intelligent fool; don't worry if you're a school drop-out

for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight. (1.2)

3. Even the poorest person can be rich; even the richest person can be poor

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. [3.13-15]

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3. Even the poorest person can be rich; even the richest person can be poor

Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse ... Wisdom will save you also from the adulterous woman, from the wayward woman with her seductive words. [2.12,16]

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My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.

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3. Even the poorest person can be rich; even the richest person can be poor Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet." [3.21-24]

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The beginning of wisdom is this: get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. [4.7]

4. Wisdom doesn't call from the temple

Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square; at noisy street corners she cries out, at the city gate she makes her speech. [1.20-21]

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for receiving instruction in prudent behaviour, doing what is right and just and fair. (1.3) 5. You can teach an old dog new tricks

To teach the inexperienced the ropes and give our young people a grasp on realty. There's something here also for seasoned men and women, still a thing or two for the experienced to learn. (1.4-5)

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6. Wisdom is a path not a gate

I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

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Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life. Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way. (4.11-15)

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7. Proverbs aren't promises

for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. (1.6)

8. If you think you're wise, you're a fool

How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings.

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But since you refuse to listen when I call and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand, since you disregard all my advice and do not accept my rebuke, I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you. (1.22-26) 8. If you think you're wise, you're a fool

Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

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For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm." [1.30-33]

9. Don't sit at a desk to learn wisdom; kneel in awe For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. [2.6]

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. [9.10]

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10. Ultimately, we are all fools; but Jesus is our wisdom

Something greater than Solomon is here. (Luke 11.31) 10. Ultimately, we are all fools; but Jesus is our wisdom

I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,

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when he gave the sea its boundary so that the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. (8.27-29)

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Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock ...

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But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand ... (Matthew 7.24-27)

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