

<p>¹My son, IF you will receive my sayings, and treasure my commandments within you, ²make your ear attentive to my wisdom, incline your heart to understanding;</p> <p>³for IF you cry for discernment, lift up your voice for understanding;</p> <p>⁴for IF you seek her as silver, and search for her as hidden treasures;</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px; text-align: center;">Passive Search</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px; text-align: center;">Active Search</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Continual Search</div>
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⁵**THEN** you will **DISCERN** the fear of the Lord, and **DISCOVER** the knowledge of God.

⁶for the Lord gives wisdom;
 from His mouth comes knowledge for the upright;
⁷He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
 He is a **shield** to those who walk in integrity,
⁸**guarding** the paths of justice, and
 He **preserves** the way of his godly ones.

⁹**THEN** you will **DISCERN** righteousness and justice,
 equity, and every good course.

¹⁰For **WISDOM** will enter your heart, and
KNOWLEDGE will be pleasant to your soul;
¹¹**DISCRETION** will guard you,
UNDERSTANDING will watch over you.

¹²To deliver you
 from the **way of evil**,
 from the man who speaks perverse things;
¹³from those who leave the path of righteousness, to walk in the way of darkness;
¹⁴who delight in doing evil, and rejoice in the perversity of evil;
¹⁵whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways;

¹⁶To deliver you
 from the **strange woman**,
 from the adulteress who flatters with her words;
¹⁷that leaves the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God;
¹⁸for her house sinks down to death, and her tracks lead to the dead;
¹⁹none that go to her return again, nor do they reach the paths of life.

²⁰**SO** you will **WALK** in the way of good men, and **KEEP** to the paths of the righteous.
²¹For 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 **TREACHEROUS** will be **UPROOTED** from it.