


WALKING

With The
Wise



The book of Proverbs tells us what it means to be wise. Being wise is more than just knowing a lot or being smart. It involves things like fearing the Lord, listening to others, loving God's Word, having a joyful heart, being generous, not hiding our sins, working hard, and telling the truth.

One of the ways we become wise is by spending time with people who are wiser than us. That's what it means to "walk with the wise."

Most of all, wisdom is believing that Jesus is the Son of God who died for our sins and rose from the dead so that we could be forgiven and follow him. That kind of wisdom is more important than anything in the world.

"For wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her." (Proverbs 8:11)

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W-I-S-D-O-M

Proverbs 4:7; 16:16

Verse 1

There is something
That's better than the latest toy
There is something
That never can be destroyed
It's worth more than jewels and gold
Or anything money can buy

Chorus

W-I-S-D-O-M
Spells wisdom, I need it
W-I-S-D-O-M
In Your Word I find it
I need Your wisdom, Lord, each day

Verse 2

Left to my own self
I always tend to go astray
But in the Bible
You reveal Your perfect ways
You teach me to think like You
Instead of being a fool

Bridge

I wanna love it, live it, learn it, read it
W-I-S-D-O-M!
I wanna know it, think it, speak it, breathe it
W-I-S-D-O-M!

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Where It All Begins

Proverbs 1:7; 3:7; 8:13; 14:26-27; 19:23; 22:4

Chorus

Here is where it all begins
Here's the key to every door
It is when we know the fear of the Lord

Verse 1

When others try to draw you in
So you would join them in their sin
The fear of God will keep you safe
And give you strength to run away

Verse 2

The Lord will bless the ones who search
For wisdom in His holy Word
He'll keep them from the devil's snares
He'll give them joy and hear their prayers

Bridge

To fear the Lord is to stand in awe
To love what's right and hate what's wrong
To fear the Lord is to grow in love
For our great God who rules us all

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Nuggets of Gold

Proverbs 2:1-5

Chorus

Your Word's got nuggets of gold
A treasure for my soul
Getting them out is my goal
I'm gonna dig in, dig in, dig in
Like I'm diggin' for gold

Verse 1

I'll go exploring like a treasure hunter
Diggin' down deep in a mine
And Your Spirit's gonna help me discover
What I need to find

Verse 2

I'm gonna learn about the lazy sluggard
And to keep far away from the fool
I will see that pleasing God is much better
Than tryin' to be cool

Bridge

Your Word's got nuggets, nuggets of gold
Your Word's got nuggets, nuggets of gold

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Trust in the Lord

Proverbs 3:1–8

Verse 1

My father said, "Don't forget my teaching
But hold on tight to my commands
For long life and peace they will add to you
Don't let love and kindness leave you
Write them down upon your heart
And God and people will smile on you"

Chorus

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding
In all your ways acknowledge Him
And He'll make straight all your paths
Trust in the Lord

Verse 2

My father said, "Don't be wise in your eyes
But fear the Lord and turn from sin
And God will heal you and give you strength"
Look to Jesus to be your treasure
He's worth more than jewels and gold
For He's more precious than anything

Bridge

Jesus, You're my confidence
Jesus, You're my hope
You will keep my feet from stumbling

Chorus

I'll trust in the Lord with all my heart
And will not lean on my own understanding
In all my ways I'll acknowledge Him
And He'll make straight all my paths
Trust in the Lord

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Make Me Wise

Proverbs 1:1; 2 Chronicles 1:7–12

Verse 1

Solomon was a young man
When he learned that he'd be king
He feared the Lord like his father
So God said, "Ask for anything"

Verse 2

He didn't ask for superpowers (no, he didn't)
Or to be a millionaire
He only asked God for one thing (yes, he did)
And gladly God heard his prayer

Chorus

Make me wise, make me wise
Let me see through this world's lies
There are so many paths to follow
And I don't want to compromise
Make me wise, make me wise
So I'm pleasing in Your sight
Lord, I want to bring You glory
So I'm asking you to make me wise

Verse 3

God is ready to help us (yes, He is)
When we call upon His name
He gives His grace to the humble (yes, He does)
Who, just like Solomon, pray

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A Good Friend

Proverbs 13:20; 18:24

Verse 1

A friend will always think of others
A friend will overlook a wrong
A friend sticks closer than a brother
A friend is patient all along
Jesus, help me be the friend You are to me

Chorus

A good friend, true friend
Here to help you through, friend
Strong friend, kind friend
You can have what's mine, friend
Best friend, sure friend
Humble and a pure friend
Lord, I wanna be a good friend

Verse 2

A friend will help me do the right things
A friend won't lead me into sin
A friend will help me when I stumble
A friend will lift me up again
Jesus, help me find
A friend who'll make me wise

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I Don't Have to Hide

Proverbs 28:13

Verse 1

When I have done something
I know I shouldn't do
And I'm tempted to hide it
When I have spoken words
I know I shouldn't speak
And I want to deny it
If I confess my sins, I'll find mercy

Chorus

Blessed is the one who fears the Lord
And admits his sin
Blessed is the one who trusts the Lord
Who alone forgives
Jesus died so I don't have to hide anymore

Verse 2

When I have taken something
I know I shouldn't take
And I try to conceal it
When I have disobeyed
The rules my parents made
I shouldn't keep it a secret
If I confess my sins, I'll find mercy

Bridge

When we know we're forgiven
We don't have to be afraid
We'll want to run from sin
And follow Jesus every day

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To Tell the Truth

Proverbs 12:19

Chorus

To tell the truth is what I want to do
Because You love the lips that speak the truth
To tell a lie leads me away from You
So help me, God, to tell the truth

Verse 1

Your words will last forever
They never change or fade
You never break a promise
We can trust all You say
But when my words aren't truthful
I'm doing something wrong
They'll only last a moment
Suddenly they'll be gone

Verse 2

A little lie seems harmless
Like ordinary words
But lies we tell to others
Are like a sword that hurts
When someone tries to tell me
That covering up's okay
Don't let me be dishonest
Help me to humbly say

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Lazy Bones

Proverbs 6:6–11; 16:3

Verse 1

Have you heard about Mr. Lazy Bones?
You can find him sleeping on his couch at home
When there's work outside for him to do
He is working hard to find another excuse

Verse 2

Mr. Lazy Bones tells you he's afraid
Never ever finishes the plans he's made
When you want his help around the house
You can try to find him, but he's never around

Chorus

Lazy Bones can help us see
What we never want to be
He doesn't have a hope or a clue
When we work to please the Lord
God will make our plans secure
And He'll be glorified in all we do

Verse 3

See the busy ants working all the time
No one has to tell them how to stay alive
Getting ready for winter days ahead
Gathering their food until the time comes to rest

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A Cheerful Heart

Proverbs 15:13, 15

Verse 1

A cheerful heart is never empty
A cheerful heart never will run dry
A cheerful heart is found in Jesus
And when He's my joy
I'm satisfied

Chorus

So pour Your joy into my heart
Until it's on my face
Oh Jesus, fill me with Your joy
And I will sing Your praise

Verse 2

A cheerful heart is like a fountain
A cheerful heart overflows in song
A cheerful heart can't stop rejoicing
And it's filled with thanks all the day long

Bridge

Jesus, You're the One who can make me glad
You're the reason I'm alive, the best I'll ever have

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All Ears

Proverbs 23:22

Chorus

I wanna be all ears when Mom is speaking
All ears when Dad is teaching
There's a lot I don't know
And they've been around a whole lot of years
And have covered some ground
Their words will make me wise
So I'm all ears

Verse 1

When my eyes are tempted to wander away
I'll be all ears
When my mouth is jumping at something to say
I'll be all ears
Even when it's hard for me to hear

Verse 2

When my parents tell me that I should obey
I'll be all ears
When they teach me Jesus' loving ways
I'll be all ears
'Cause I know it's what I need to hear

Bridge

I've got two hands, two feet
Two elbows, two knees, but I'm all ears
Two eyes, one stare
And a whole lot of hair, but I'm all ears
Tomorrow, today
At school and at play, I'll be all ears
I'll be slow to speak and quick to hear
'Cause I wanna be all ears

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A Generous Heart

Proverbs 11:24

Chorus

God loves a generous heart, a generous heart
Yes, He does
God loves a generous heart, a generous heart
'Cause that's a heart like His own heart
That's a heart like His own

Verse 1

There are those who give away
It seems the more they give, the more they gain
There are others who hold back
The more they try to keep, the more they lack
The more they lack

Verse 2

God has shown us how to give
He offered up His Son so we might live
Jesus gave His precious blood
To wash us clean and bring us back to God
Back to God

Bridge

We can't out give God
For He's the Giver of life
And every good thing
We can't out give God
He just keeps pouring out more
He's the wonderful King!

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Who Can Say

Proverbs 20:9

Verse 1

Who can say, "I have made my heart pure
I am clean from my sin"?
No one's blameless in God's holy eyes
That's why the Savior came

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, only You
Did everything right
Jesus, Jesus died and rose
So we could have new life

Verse 2

Who has perfectly followed God's law
Loving all of His ways
The One who gave up His life in our place
Jesus, the King who saves

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