

Crossword Puzzle

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7 Pillars in Proverb 9

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1 Advice, guidance, wise plan of God

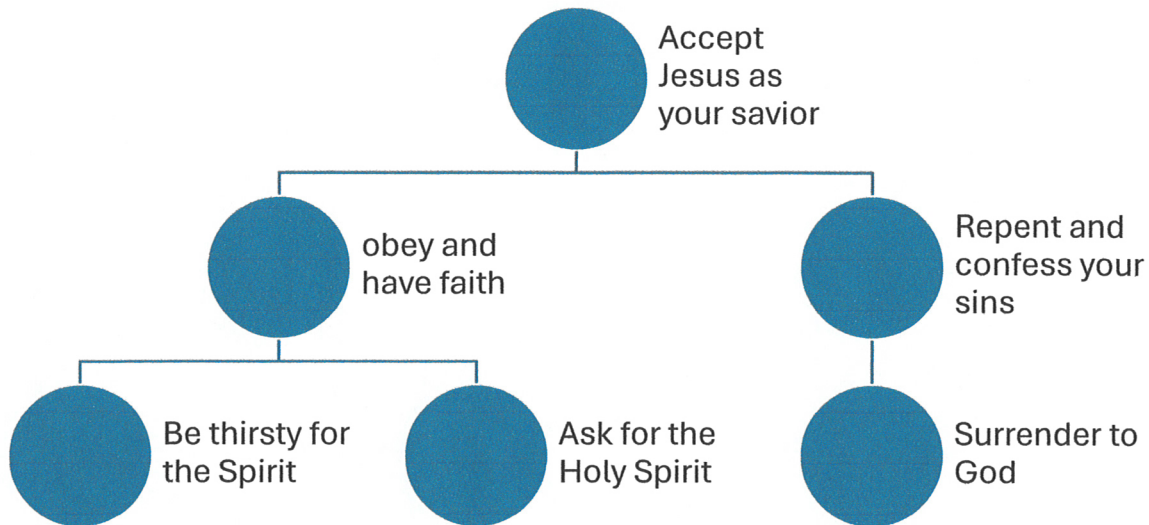
31 respect, reverence

5 develop power and omnipotence

15 intelligence and perception

35 valuable possessions

Steps to Receive the Holy Spirit



Accept Jesus as your Savior: Salvation through faith in Jesus is the first step for the Spirit to dwell within you.

Repent and Confess your Sins: Turn away from your sins and openly admit them to God. This involves forsaking sin and confessing both your sins and Jesus's lordship.

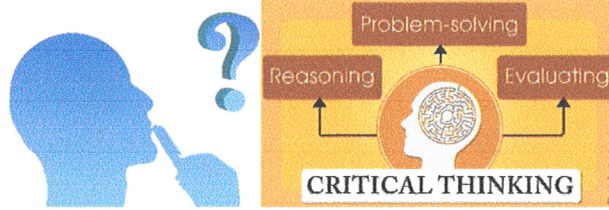
Surrender to God: Give up the throne of your life to God. This means surrendering your plans and allowing the Holy Spirit to take control.

Ask for the Holy Spirit: Pray to God, asking Him to fill you with His Spirit.

Be Thirsty for the Spirit: Desire and thirst for God's presence and power in your life.

Obey and have Faith: Be obedient to God's word and have faith in His promises to fill you with His Spirit.

Open your Mouth: Be prepared to speak and express your faith, as faith is a present-tense reality.



Book: Proverbs 9

Scripture: James 3:9-17 Evangelist Rosa Smith

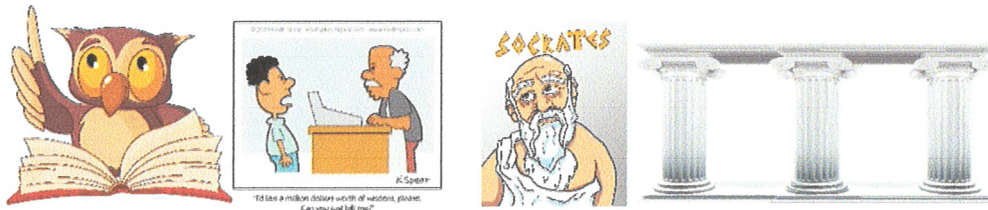
Prayer: Deacon Wayne Epps

Prudent means to exercise good judgment, act with careful consideration of future consequences, and manage affairs wisely, especially in practical matters and by avoiding unnecessary risks. It involves thinking ahead, being cautious, making sensible, practical choices to ensure future well-being or success.

Key Aspects of Being Prudent:

- **Good Judgment:** Using sound sense to make wise decisions.
- **Careful Consideration:** Thinking through situations and their potential outcomes.
- **Future-Oriented:** Planning for future and providing for potential needs.
- **Risk Aversion:** Being cautious avoiding rash or unnecessary risks.
- **Practicality:** Handling everyday affairs with wisdom and common sense.
- **Thriftiness:** Managing resources carefully and economically.

Prudent behavior is marked by wisdom, caution, and careful consideration of the long-term consequences of one's actions involves practical wisdom to make sound judgments, anticipating potential difficulties, and planning effectively to achieve goals while avoiding unnecessary risks or harmful outcomes.



7 Pillars of Proverbs 9

1. **Counsel**-Advice, guidance (rich concept), wise plan of **God**.
2. **Knowledge**- Intelligence and Perception.
3. **Understanding**- Comprehension/ gain structure of subject.
4. **Might or Strength**- Develop power and omnipotence. (Having unlimited power, able to do anything.) God is described as omnipotent and benevolent.
5. **Power or Authority**- Power to make decisions.
6. **Riches**- Valuable Possessions.
7. **Honor**- is due to God parents, authorities, the elderly, and fellow believers. All people are worthy of honor because they are made in God's image. Honor is expressed through obedience, reverence, respect, and service, ultimately reflecting back to God.

Solomon says there are two paths in life that can be followed. One is the way of sinners, and the other way is the path of wisdom and righteousness.

Lady Folly: She is presented as loud and having or showing a lack of thought or intelligence: mindless. She is seductive and knows nothing. Folly does not call the wise, for the wise will not go to her. Wisdom calls both the wise and foolish to her.

True wisdom can only begin when a person properly respects and reveres God (Proverbs 9:7-12).

Wisdom from heaven is first of all pure: then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere (James 3:17).

Wise Spirit: Woman wisdom also acts like the Holy Spirit. She is the breath of the power of God, a pure light of the glory of the Most - High, and nothing that is base can come into Her presence in Secret. (Songs of Solomon 7)

The Seven Principles of Wisdom

1. **Trust**-assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone.
2. **Integrity**-the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
3. **Purity**-freedom from adulteration or contamination, immorality.
4. **Generosity**-the quality of being kind and generous.
5. **Diligence**-careful and persistent work or effort.
6. **Wise Words** often come from experience, emphasizing virtues like perseverance, humility, and self-reflection.
7. **Wise Counsel**- having or showing the ability to make good judgments, based on a deep understanding and experience.

Wisdom

1. **Extends an invitation** to all who seek understanding, offering nourishment and enlightenment.
2. The epitome of wisdom called for **repentance from sin**.
3. **Stay focused on God's path**, even when distractions are calling out to us. In making our choices, it is essential to evaluate our decisions carefully, commitment to seek knowledge and understanding rather than succumbing to momentary enticements.



Stay Focused on God's Path

1. **Evaluate** our decisions carefully.
2. **Commitment** to seek knowledge and understanding

4. Embracing wisdom **leads to genuine fulfillment**.
5. We **have discernment**, urging us to consider the long-lasting value of wisdom over fleeting pleasures.

How to Seek the Spirit of Truth

If you are looking for existential or spiritual truths, enquire earnestly through meditation and self-enquiry. If you're looking for narrative truths, remain equanimous (calm and composed). Gather as much information as you can, contemplate, use reason and logic, and be vigilant of your ego.

Lady Wisdom is a **personification** of God's wisdom, presented as a hospitable woman who has built a sturdy house and prepared a feast to invite simple people to learn and embrace a life of understanding and righteousness. She serves as a stark contrast to Lady Folly, a seductive and ignorant woman who also calls out to passersby but leads them to death instead of life. The invitation from **Lady Wisdom symbolizes the provision**, partnership, and protection that come from choosing a life of wisdom and obedience to God.

Personification is a literary device where non-human things, such as animals, objects, or ideas, are given human qualities, actions or emotions.

The Significance of Lady Wisdom

A Choice Between Life and Death: Respond to Lady Wisdom's call to life or succumb to Lady Folly's call to ruin.

Practical Application: Lady Wisdom is not an abstract concept but a real and active force in the world, providing guidance for living a just and prosperous life.

Rooted in God: Wisdom's teachings lead back to the "*Fear of the Lord*" as the beginning of all wisdom, establishing a foundation for a right relationship with the Creator.

House Symbolizes more than a physical structure, representing the family, lineage, nation, place of worship, or the spiritual community of believers (the Church). It also signifies security, refuge, and God's presence, as seen in the promise of a heavenly home. The metaphor of building a house on a solid foundation also highlights the importance of a life grounded in God's teachings.