

Proverbs 2:1-22

- ¹ My son, if you receive my words
and treasure up my commandments with you,
² making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
³ yes, if you call out for insight
and raise your voice for understanding,
⁴ if you seek it like silver
and search for it as for hidden treasures,
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 stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,
⁸ guarding the paths of justice
and watching over the way of his saints.
⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
¹⁰ for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
¹¹ discretion will watch over you,
understanding will guard you,
¹² delivering you from the way of evil,
from men of perverted speech,

- ¹³ who forsake the paths of uprightness
to walk in the ways of darkness,
¹⁴ who rejoice in doing evil
and delight in the perverseness of evil,
¹⁵ men whose paths are crooked,
and who are devious in their ways.
and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.
¹⁶ So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman,
from the adulteress with her smooth words,
¹⁷ who forsakes the companion of her youth
and forgets the covenant of her God;
¹⁸ for her house sinks down to death,
and her paths to the departed;
¹⁹ none who go to her come back,
nor do they regain the paths of life.
²⁰ So you will walk in the way of the good
and keep to the paths of the righteous.
²¹ For the upright will inhabit the land,
and those with integrity will remain in it,
²² but the wicked will be cut off from the land,
and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

Integrity: What's That?

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What is integrity?

How do we get integrity?

What are the benefits of living with integrity?

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on Proverbs 2:1-22

Getting Started

1. As you look at our culture, celebrities, and leaders today, would you say that we esteem truth-telling and integrity? Why or why not?
2. Are you a person who tends to 'over-share' or 'under-share' the truth? How so?
3. In which situations are you most tempted to not tell the truth? When you've failed to tell the whole truth, how has it impacted you and others?

Digging into the Text

4. Read Proverbs 2:1-22 and answer to these questions:
 - What is the main idea of these verses?
 - Based on this text, how are wisdom, integrity and truth-telling related?
 - In vv. 1-5, describe the process of how someone gains wisdom/integrity.
 - How is "fear of the Lord" or faith connected to integrity?
 - Looking at vv. 5-8, how is God involved?
 - What are the specific short-term and long-term benefits listed for someone who has integrity and tells the truth? Does this mean that a person of integrity will never suffer for telling the truth?
 - What are the consequences of not living with integrity?

Applying It to My Life

5. Would you say that you are currently seeking wisdom/integrity with the same intensity as someone who is searching for "silver" and "hidden treasures"? If so, what does that look like in your daily life? If not, why not?
6. Is there an area of your life in which you know you are not living with integrity? What's a step you can take to tell the truth?
7. How can the group be praying for you as we all seek to live with more integrity?