

“Through wisdom is an house builded;  
and by understanding it is established:  
And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled  
with all precious and pleasant riches.”

Jer. 22:13-17  
 Mal. 2:14-16  
 Rom. 7:1-3

1 Cor. 7  
 Eph. 5:18-33  
 Col. 3:18-19

Titus 2:4-5  
 Hebrews 13:4  
 1 Peter 3:1-8

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**What is wisdom?**

There is the wisdom of God (which is infinite); the wisdom of the world (which is foolishness), those who profess themselves to be wise (and become fools), and the wisdom of the cross (which is foolishness to the world). Seems there are a lot of opposites here!

Definition of wisdom (skillful, wisdom, wisely, wit; skill in technical matters, experience, shrewdness, worldly wisdom, pious wisdom, God’s wisdom, wisdom personified), understanding (understanding, cleverness, skill), knowledge (ability, knowledge about a subject, of God, discernment, understanding).

The word established comes from a root that indicates the idea to stand perpendicular. One translation has the idea of making the home “strong.” It can be used in many literal and figurative connections.

Christian wisdom is not ultimately defined as a stand-alone thing, but it is in relation to God. It corresponds to God’s estimate or measure of things, His perspective.

**How does one get wisdom?**

Prov. 1:2, 3-7: the fear of the LORD.

Col. 2:3 Christ, Eph. 1:17: Christ Himself.

Fear and OT faith. Fear is basically the same idea as OT faith. See Rom. 3:18.

**How does wisdom “work out?”**

Prov. 1:10 – Avoiding evil

Prov. 15:6 – righteousness is related to treasure. Even if the righteous man has little, it is treasure compared to the riches of the wicked (Ps. 37:16). See also Prov. 8:21. Raw amount is not really the notion here, but how the gifts of God are treasured by the individual. One with knowledge has the right perspective on things such that he appreciates things differently than the wicked.

Prov. 12:7 – righteousness is related to the establishment of the home

Prov. 15:25, 27, 14:11, 17:13 – pride, greed and wickedness are related to the overthrow of a home

**How does one grow in wisdom?**

Col. 3:16, 2 Tim. 3:15 – through the Word of God

James 1:5, 3:13, 17 – by asking God for it

**D. Other Bible Texts to Consider for Building Homes**

<input type="checkbox"/> Gen. 2:21-25	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov. 11:29	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov. 21:9,
<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 127	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov. 14:1	25:24
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