



Character Development

—Life Hacks Week 4—

Proverbs 2 (NIV)

I. _____ Increase: _____

- ^{2:1} My son, if you accept my words
and store up my commands within you,
² turning your ear to wisdom
and applying your heart to understanding—
³ indeed, if you call out for insight
and cry aloud for understanding,
⁴ and if you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,
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 holds success in store for the upright,
he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,
⁸ for he guards the course of the just
and protects the way of his faithful ones.
- ⁹ Then you will understand what is right and just
and fair—every good path.
¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.
¹¹ Discretion will protect you,
and understanding will guard you.

II. _____ Increase: _____

- ¹² Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men,
from men whose words are perverse,
¹³ who have left the straight paths
to walk in dark ways,
¹⁴ who delight in doing wrong
and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,
¹⁵ whose paths are crooked
and who are devious in their ways.

- ¹⁶ Wisdom will save you also from the adulterous woman,
from the wayward woman with her seductive words,
¹⁷ who has left the partner of her youth
and ignored the covenant she made before God.
¹⁸ Surely her house leads down to death
and her paths to the spirits of the dead.
¹⁹ None who go to her return
or attain the paths of life.
- ²⁰ Thus you will walk in the ways of the good
and keep to the paths of the righteous.
²¹ For 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 unfaithful will be torn from it.

The Bottom Line

Do _____ to _____

...by _____ it _____.

...by devoting _____ and _____ to _____.

...by _____ you are _____ to _____.

Summer Suggestion

Either read one chapter a day (the chapter that corresponds to each day of the month: on July 2 read chapter 2) or memorize one verse a week and reflect on it every day that week (this week's suggestions: Prov 2:7-8; 10:25; or 10:29).

Proverbs 2:7-8

He holds success in store for the upright,
he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,
for he guards the course of the just
and protects the way of his faithful ones.

Proverbs 10:25

When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone,
but the righteous stand firm forever.

Proverbs 10:29

²⁹ The way of the LORD is a refuge for the blameless,
but it is the ruin of those who do evil.

