# Walking in Wisdom to Avoid Trouble



Explore practical steps for living wisely according to Proverbs 22:3 and avoid the pitfalls of life through God's guidance.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this 3-day journey of *Walking in Wisdom to Avoid Trouble*. The Bible offers profound insights for navigating life's challenges, and Proverbs 22:3 reminds us that "The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty." This study will help you recognize the value of wisdom in everyday decisions and encourage you to trust God's guidance to steer clear of harm.

Wisdom is more than knowledge—it is the ability to apply godly principles at the right time and with discernment. Many face unnecessary hardships because they overlook subtle warnings or rush into situations without reflection. Our goal is to cultivate prudence, so we identify and avoid trouble before it happens.

Over the next three days, you'll explore Scripture passages that emphasize the benefits of wisdom, the consequences of foolish choices, and practical ways to develop a wise heart. Each day includes devotional thoughts, reflective questions, and prayer to deepen your connection with God and His word.

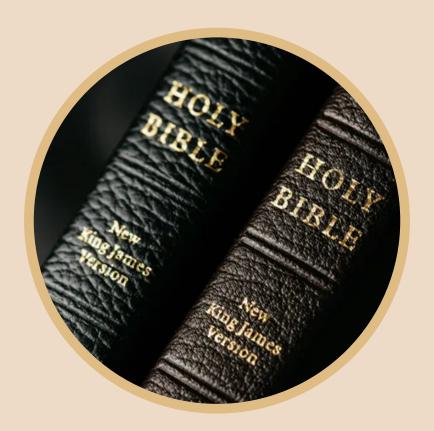
As you engage with these truths, may you feel empowered to live thoughtfully and wisely—protecting yourself and honoring God in all you do. Remember, wisdom is a treasure more precious than riches, and training your heart to seek it will bring lasting peace and safety.







# Day 1: Recognizing Danger and Taking Refuge









Day 1: Necognizing Danger and Taking Refuge

#### Your Verse

Proverbs 22:3 - "The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 34:7 "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them."
- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."







Day 1: Necognizing Danger and Taking Refuge

#### Devotional: Seeing Danger: The First Step to Wisdom

Wisdom begins with awareness. Proverbs 22:3 highlights a vital truth: the wise person identifies danger early and seeks protection, while the naive ignore it and suffer consequences. This discernment is not always about dramatic threats but often about subtle choices and warnings in our daily lives.

God calls us to live attentively, recognizing the signs that might lead to trouble —whether in relationships, finances, or personal habits. The psalmist reminds us that the Lord's protection surrounds those who revere Him. When we respect God's wisdom, we gain a spiritual shield, helping us make better decisions.

James encourages us to ask God for wisdom generously. It's a gift freely given to those who seek it sincerely. If you feel overwhelmed by the challenges ahead or uncertain about which path to take, remember that God invites you to come with humble hearts, promising guidance and clarity.

Taking refuge means not only retreating from harm but also stepping into God's peace and counsel. Today, consider what dangers you might be overlooking and ask God to open your eyes to His protection.







Day 1: **(**) Recognizing Danger and Taking Refuge

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What are some subtle dangers in my life that I might be ignoring?
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	How do I typically respond when I sense warning signs or potential trouble?
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	In what ways can I actively seek refuge in God amid uncertain circumstances?
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Day 1: **(**) Recognizing Danger and Taking Refuge

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List recent situations where you sensed danger but did not act wisely.
2.	Write a prayer asking God for insight and protection from harm.
	Describe practical steps you can take to become more discerning against trouble.







Day 1: Necognizing Danger and Taking Refuge

#### Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of wisdom that helps me recognize danger before it harms me. Please open my eyes to see what I might miss and guide my steps away from trouble. Help me to trust in Your protection and to seek Your counsel daily. Fill my heart with prudence so I can walk securely, honoring You in all I do. In Jesus' name, *Amen.* 🙏 🕽 🛠

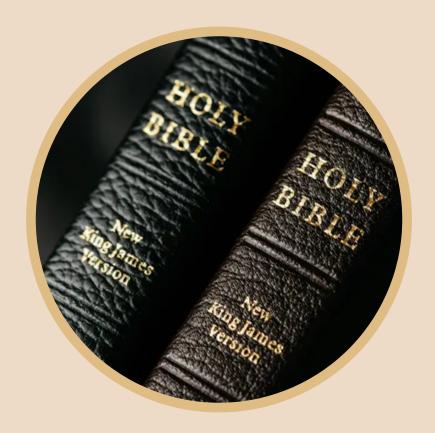








# Day 2: Avoiding Foolish Paths









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#### Your Verse

Proverbs 14:15 – "The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"
- Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."







Day 2: Avoiding Foolish Paths

#### Devotional: Choosing Thoughtful Steps Over Impulses

**Foolishness often stems from a lack of reflection.** Proverbs 14:15 reveals a stark contrast between the simple, who accept everything without question, and the prudent, who carefully consider their actions. In our fast-paced world, we may rush decisions or trust unreliable sources, leading us down dangerous roads.

Jeremiah reminds us how easily our hearts can deceive us. This inner deceit makes it hard to judge situations objectively and increases our vulnerability to poor choices. That's why the psalmist celebrates God's Word as a guiding light—one that illuminates the right path amid confusion.

To walk wisely, we must pause and evaluate our motives, influences, and options before acting. It takes courage to question assumptions and resist impulses that feel convenient but could cause harm.

Reflect today on where you may have been too quick to believe or act without prayerful thought. Ask God to help you apply His Word as a daily compass, directing your steps away from foolishness toward life-giving choices.







Day 2: 🖰 Avoiding Foolish Paths

## Reflect and Apply

1.	Where do I tend to act impulsively instead of thoughtfully?
2.	How can God's Word help me discern truth in challenging situations?
3.	What practical habits can I develop to pause and reflect before deciding?







Day 2: 🖰 Avoiding Foolish Paths

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Recall a time you acted quickly and it led to trouble. What did you learn?
2.	Write out a favorite Scripture verse that guides your decision-making.
3.	Plan ways to incorporate daily Scripture reading to cultivate wisdom.







Day 2: Avoiding Foolish Paths

#### **Prayer for Today**

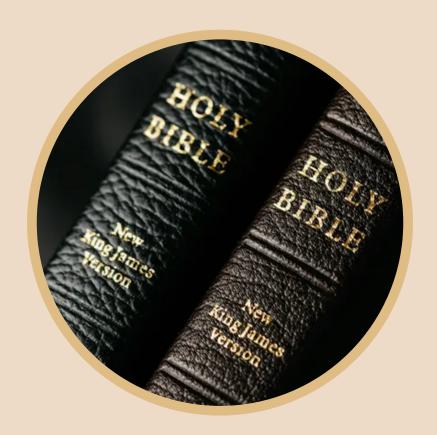
**Lord,** help me to resist impulsive decisions and the temptation to believe everything I hear. Teach me to weigh my choices carefully, rooted in Your truth and guidance. Shine Your light on my path so I may avoid foolish mistakes and live prudently. Thank You for Your patient love and wisdom that strengthens me. In Jesus' name, *Amen.*







# Day 3: Embracing Wisdom for Life's Journey









Day 3: **B** Embracing Wisdom for Life's Journey

#### Your Verse

Proverbs 3:13-14 - "Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ecclesiastes 7:12 "Wisdom preserves those who have it."
- Colossians 2:3 "In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."







Day 3: **B** Embracing Wisdom for Life's Journey

#### Devotional: The Treasure of Wisdom in Daily Living

**Wisdom is a priceless treasure.** Proverbs 3:13–14 reminds us that those who find wisdom are truly blessed because its benefits surpass material wealth. Unlike fleeting riches, wisdom yields enduring value—providing guidance, protection, and peace throughout life's ups and downs.

Ecclesiastes states that wisdom preserves those who possess it, guarding them from harm and leading to longer, fuller lives. This preservation is both physical and spiritual, enabling us to navigate challenges with grace and strength.

Colossians reveals that all wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ, making Him the ultimate source we must seek. By cultivating a relationship with Jesus, we unlock treasures that can transform our thinking and behavior.

Today, commit to embracing wisdom as your life's foundation. Seek understanding in God's Word, and allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate wisdom's fruits within you. As you do, you'll experience a secure and joyful journey, protected from needless trouble.







Day 3: 💋 Embracing Wisdom for Life's Journey

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I prioritize wisdom compared to material pursuits?
2.	In what ways can I deepen my relationship with Christ to gain wisdom?
3.	What changes can I make to value and pursue wisdom more actively?







Day 3: B Embracing Wisdom for Life's Journey

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List reasons why wisdom is more valuable than money in your life.
2.	Reflect on how Christ has been a source of wisdom for you.
3.	Set spiritual goals to grow in understanding and wise living this year.







Day 3: **B** Embracing Wisdom for Life's Journey

#### Prayer for Today

**Gracious God,** thank You for the blessing of wisdom, a treasure more precious than gold or silver. Help me to seek You daily as the source of true understanding. May Your Spirit guide me in applying wisdom to every part of my life, preserving me from harm and leading me toward Your peace. I commit my journey into Your hands, trusting Your unfailing love and counsel. In Jesus' name, *Amen.*







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