

EASY WAYS to WRECK YOUR LIFE: Isolate Yourself & Reject Wisdom

Become wise by being with wise people.

Proverbs 13:20a NLT

Walk with the **wise** and become **wise**.



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“It’s lonely at the _____.”

Proverbs 13:20 NLT

Walk with the wise and become wise; **associate** with **fools** and **get in trouble**.

Ecclesiastes 4:7-8 NLT

I observed yet another example of something meaningless under the sun. This is the case of a man who is **all alone**, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. . . . It is all so **meaningless** and **depressing**.

You need a **friend**.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NLT

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

Ecclesiastes 4:11-12 NLT

Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but **two can stand back-to-back and conquer**. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

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You were **designed** for healthy relationships.

Ecclesiastes 9:17-18 NLT

Better to hear the quiet words of a wise person
than the shouts of a foolish king.

Better to have wisdom than weapons of war,
but one sinner can destroy much that is good.

Ecclesiastes 10:1-2 NLT

As dead flies cause even a bottle of perfume to stink,
so a little **foolishness** spoils great wisdom and honor.

A wise person chooses the right road;
a **fool** takes the wrong one.

Good **judgment** is priceless.

Proverbs 4:5-8 NLT

Get wisdom; develop good judgment.

Don't forget my words or turn away from them.

Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you.

Love her, and she will guard you.

Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do!

And **whatever else you do**, develop good judgment.

If you prize wisdom, she will make you great.

Embrace her, and she will honor you.

Proverbs 3:13-15 NLT

Joyful is the person who **finds wisdom**,
the one who gains understanding.

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For wisdom is more profitable than **silver**,
and **her wages** are better than **gold**.
Wisdom is more precious than **rubies**;
nothing you desire can compare with her.

Wise **Dads**

Proverbs 17:6 LB
A child's glory is his father.

Wise **Moms**

Proverbs 31:28 NLT
Her children stand and bless her.
Her husband praises her.

Wise **Kids**

Proverbs 15:20 NLT
Sensible (wise) children bring joy to their father;
foolish children despise their mother.

How to get wisdom...

Walk with **God**.

Proverbs 1:7 NLT
Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Walk with **wise people**.

Proverbs 13:20 NLT
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