

what is right.

Proverbs 1:5—A wise man will hear and increase in learning, And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.

Proverbs 2:1-12—My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you, Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God.

For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones. Then you will discern righteousness and justice And equity and every good course. For wisdom will enter your heart And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; Discretion will guard you, Understanding will watch over you, To deliver you

Proverbs 3:2-10—For length of days and years of life And peace they will add to you . . . Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart . . . It will be healing to your body And refreshment to your bones . . . your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 4:4-13—“Let your heart hold fast my words; Keep my commandments and live; Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! . . . “Do not forsake her, and she will guard you; Love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; And with all your acquiring, get understanding. “Prize her, and she will exalt you; She will honor you if you embrace her. She will place on your head a garland of grace; She will present you with a crown of beauty.” . . . the years of your life will be many . . . When you walk, your steps will not be impeded; And if you run, you will not stumble. Take hold of instruction; do not let go. Guard her, for she is your life.

Proverbs 8:12-23—“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverted mouth, I hate. Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is mine. By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, All who judge rightly. I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me. Riches and honor are with me, Enduring wealth and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, And my yield better than choicest silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice, to endow those who love me with wealth, that I may fill their treasuries. The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. From everlasting I was established, From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.

ESV 1 Peter 3:10—For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days . . . let him turn away from evil and do good.

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Genesis 3:7-11—Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

Genesis 2:16-17—The Lord God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

Proverbs 8:36—But he who sins against me injures himself; all those who hate me love death.

Proverbs 1:32—For the waywardness of the naive will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them.

NKJ James 1:14-15—But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

1 Timothy 4:8—For bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

NIV Galatians 6:7-8—Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

RSV Romans 7:5,7, 9, 13—While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death . . . What then should we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin . . . I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died; the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, finding opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and by it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, working [“producing”-NKJ] death in me through

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Glory **Sin** **Torment/Wrath** **Death**

NKJ Exodus 33:18-20—And he [Moses] said, “Please, show me Your glory.” Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.” But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.”

Isaiah 6:1-5—In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.” And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”

NKJ Revelation 6:15-16—And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.”

Isaiah 33:17-18—Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; they will behold a far-distant land. Your heart will meditate on terror.

Proverbs 28:1—The wicked flee when no one is pursuing.

Romans 2:5,9, 12, 15—But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS . . . There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil . . . all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law . . . in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them.

Revelation 14:10-11— . . . He will be tormented . . . in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb . . . they have no rest day and night . . .

Deuteronomy 28:65-67—Among those nations you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul. So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you will be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life. In the morning you shall say, “Would that it were evening!” And at evening you shall say, “Would that it were morning!” because of

the dread of your heart which you dread, and for the sight of your eyes which you will see.

NIV Ephesians 5:13-14—But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible.

NKJ 2 Thessalonians 1:9—These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

YLT 2 Thessalonians 1:9—Who shall suffer justice -- destruction age-during—from the face of the Lord, and from the glory of his strength.

NJB Romans 6:23—For the wage paid by sin is death; the gift freely given by God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

NIV John 10:10—I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

1 Timothy 4:8—But godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the **present life** and also **for the life to come**.

NLT Luke 9:25—And how do you benefit if you **gain the whole world** but lose or forfeit your own **soul** in the process?

3 John 1:2—Beloved, I pray that in **all respects you may prosper** and be in good health, **just as your soul prospers**.

Matthew 1:21—“She [Mary] will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

NIV Hebrews 9:14—How much more, then, will the blood of Christ . . . cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death . . .

BBE/NASB 1 Peter 3:21—And baptism . . . now gives you salvation, not by washing of or removal of dirt from your body, but by making you free from the sense of sin and a clear conscience before God . . .

NKJ Romans 5:1, 8-10—Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. . . . Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

NLT / NIV Titus 2:11-14—For the grace of God has been revealed, **bringing salvation to all people**. *And* teaching us to say “NO!” to godless living, ungodliness, and sinful pleasures . That we should live in this evil world with self-control, right conduct, and devotion to God, while we look forward to that wonderful event when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, *and* to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing

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