

**Broader context: 2:1 – 7:27**

**My child**

- **Wisdom's reward**
- **Wisdom's blessing—more precious than wealth**
- **Father to child—that your life might be long**
- **Regarding marriage**
- **Warning idleness, discord, and adultery**
- **Regarding the prostitute**

**Passage Outline:**

**Vs. 1-11**

**Wisdom cries**

- **In the streets, at the gates ...**
  - **To the simple: Learn prudence**
- **I will speak noble things/ truth/ righteousness**
  - **My words are straight (not crooked)**
    - **Better than silver, gold, or jewels**

**Vs. 12-21**

**Wisdom:**

- **I dwell with prudence**
- **I find knowledge**
- **I hate twisted speech**
- **I give counsel and sound advice**
- **I have insight and strength**
  - **By me princes and nobles rule justly**
- **I love those who love me**
  - **Riches are mine—my fruit better than gold**
- **I walk in righteousness, filling the treasuries of those who love**

**Vs. 22-31**

**Wisdom declares:**

- **The Lord created me first**
  - **Before the beginning**
    - **When no depths, no springs**
  - **Before the mountains**
  - **Before the fields**
  - **Before the heavens**
    - **Before the face of the deep**
    - **Before the limits of the seas**



- I was beside Him
- I was His delight, rejoicing before Him
  - Delighting in humanity

### **Vs. 32-33**

**So listen to me:**

- Blessed are you if you keep my ways
- Hear instruction and be wise

**Key words and Thoughts:** **wisdom** (σοφία/ חכמה); **call** (קרא/ παρακαλέω); **shout** (רנן/ ὑμνέω); **men** (אָדָם/ ἄνθρωπος); **fool** (אִלְמוּל/ ἀσεβής/ ἄφρων); **simple** (יָתוּם/ ἄκακος); **love** (אַהֲבָה/ ἀγαπάω/ φιλέω); **knowledge** (דַּעַת/ σοφία); **prudence** (עֲרֻמָּה/ ἐννοια); **to make known** (דַּעַת/ διδάσκω); **fear** (הִרְאָה/ φόβος); **seek** (רָצָה/ ζητέω); **find** (מָצָא/ εὕρισκω); **hate** (שִׂנְאָה/ μισέω); **instruction** (מוֹסֵר/ ); **hear** (שָׁמַע/ ἀκούω); **way** (דֶּרֶךְ/ ὁδός)

### **Questions:**

**From this passage, how do you understand “wisdom?”**

**Where and/or how is wisdom to be found?**

**From this passage, what is the “way” of Wisdom?**

**Some translations read: “I, Wisdom dwell with prudence.” How do you understand “prudence?” Why this understanding?**

