

## A HOUSE OF WISDOM (Proverbs 9:1)

**Wisdom-** Judging rightly based on knowledge, experience, and understanding.

**Understanding-** To comprehend, to discern, having power to grasp mentally, to value difficulties.

**Knowledge-** To be acquainted with facts, to be aware or familiar with facts or specific information.

Whenever someone sets out to build a house the first thing that is needed is a plan. The plan must include a foundation, the framework of the main building, and strong pillars that hold up the roof.

### A GOOD FOUNDATION

**Proverbs 9:10** The foundation of any house where there is a hope and desire to have Godly wisdom throughout the home must start with a respect and Godly fear of our Creator and eternal Father.

**Matthew 7:24-27** The Lord Jesus Himself tells us that without knowing and acting on His directions we cannot hope to have a firm foundation for our home, but with Him we can build a solid foundation.

**I Corinthians 3:10-13** Paul is one of the greatest Christian examples for us to follow as we try to build our earthly house and make the wisest choices possible as we build on the foundation of Christ.

### A GOOD FRAMEWORK

**Proverbs 4:1-2** The main structure of our home or our spiritual walk with God must be filled with instruction, understanding or knowledge, and good doctrine from God's word.

**Proverbs 4:7-10** Wisdom and understanding from God will bring us honor, grace and longevity.

**Proverbs 1:7** Once again the fear of the Lord brings us another Godly characteristic; understanding.

**Proverbs 2:1-5** The Old Testament teaches us that if we work hard to gain the building blocks that God wants us to build with we can have Godly wisdom, understanding, and knowledge in our life.

**II Timothy 3:15-17** Paul's instruction to Timothy can be used for all of us in order to be knowledgeable and mature in the word of God so we can have good success and teach others also.

### GOOD PILLARS

**Proverbs 9:1; James 1:5** Solomon tells us that God's wisdom has seven pillars that make up the wisdom of God. These pillars can be found in the New Testament book of wisdom, the book of James.

**James 3:13, 17** When we “shew out of a good conversation (lifestyle)” these seven characteristics of Godly wisdom, we will know that we have built our house with the right building blocks and tools. (1) Purity (2) Peaceable (3) Gentleness (4) Easy to be entreated, (reasonable) (5) Full of mercy and good fruits, (helpful) (6) Without partiality, (humility) (7) Without hypocrisy, (sincere).

**Proverbs 3:13-17** When we are using the right material to build our home and our lives, we will find peace, happiness, contentment and possibly a healthy long life.

### A SECURE ROOF

**Proverbs 3:5-6** Just as a good, solid, well constructed roof system keeps us and our family safe and secure from the elements that would destroy our home, our trust and reliance on God and His promises keep us safe and secure from the enemy that would like to destroy us.

**Hebrews 13:5** He has promised that He will never leave or forsake His children.

**I Peter 1:3-5** We have been adopted into His family, we have an inheritance that is reserved for us in heaven, and we are kept securely in His family by all of the power that God has in His possession.

