

## A Friend with Benefits

Proverbs 8:1-11 ESV

1 Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? 2 On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; 3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: 4 "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. 5 O simple ones, learn prudence; O fools, learn sense. 6 Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right, 7 for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. 8 All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. 9 They are all straight to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge. 10 Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, 11 for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.8.1-11.ESV>

James 3:13-18 ESV

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/jas.3.13-18.ESV>

Proverbs 3:13-18 ESV

13 Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, 14 for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. 15 She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. 16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed.

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In this text we see three benefits we have when we listen to the voice of Lady Wisdom.

1. She gives us understanding.

Proverbs 3:13 ESV

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding,

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.3.13.ESV>

Proverbs 2:6 ESV

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.2.6.ESV>

2. She gives us peace.

Proverbs 3:17 ESV

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

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James 3:17 ESV

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

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Philippians 4:6-7 ESV

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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3. She gives us life.

Proverbs 8:35 ESV

For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord ,

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.8.35.ESV>

Proverbs 4:13 ESV

Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.4.13.ESV>

Proverbs 3:18 ESV

She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.3.18.ESV>

Proverbs 16:25 ESV

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.16.25.ESV>

Proverbs 3:16 ESV

Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.3.16.ESV>

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