

PRAYING IN THE SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM

Proverbs 9:1 tells us wisdom builds her house on seven pillars. Matthew 16:18 states, such a house, the gates of hell cannot prevail against. While in the book of Proverbs this month, please build and erect these pillars in our prayers, individually and corporately. Ask and receive specifically by faith. These seven pillars of wisdom represent fullness, completeness, satisfaction and spiritual maturity/perfection that we may bear great fruit.

In heart preparation for the month of reading from Proverbs, take time to prepare in humility and repentance knowing that true repentance leads to changed lives, 2 Cor 7:10. Key areas for repentance and seeking forgiveness:

- Our foolishness,
- For fearing man's opinions and careless living
- Disobedience
- For sowing seeds of dissension, discontentment, frustration, and anger
- Judging with our own opinions, for being harsh, critical and hurtful
- Walking in our own wisdom, believing it was sufficient

In reading and meditating on your Word in Proverbs, pray for God to erect these pillars in us, individually and corporately that we may bear good fruit.

1. **PRUDENCE.** Seek wisdom in handling practical matters, and exercise good judgment and common sense. Let our behavior be wise that we may anticipate ahead of time the results of our behavior and adjust accordingly.
2. **KNOWLEDGE & DISCRETION.** Help us to be wise in forming plans, your plans for us, our families, our community, our nation. Keep us from using this gift for selfish ends. Give us sound reasoning to know the best direction to head in and to properly plan our course of action. Keep us from presumption and blind optimism, and instead, increase our faith.
3. **FEAR OF THE LORD.** We know that to fear the LORD is to hate evil; to hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. Help us to love what You love and hate what You hate.

4. **COUNSEL.** We ask to be people who give good advice and wise guidance. Help us also to listen to godly advice and receive discipline and instruction in righteousness.
5. **SOUND WISDOM.** Please give us practical wisdom in our day to day behavior and in our relationships. Help us to be upright and without reproach, governed by honesty, fairness, and impartiality.
6. **UNDERSTANDING.** Open our ears and eyes to see the Truth of your Word. Help us to gain knowledge and learn from the precepts found in your Word.
7. **POWER.** In all things may we be obedient to the Holy Spirit's guidance and the voice of wisdom.

Father, we aspire to be like your Son, Jesus Christ who became strong in spirit and grew in wisdom, stature and favor with God and man. (Luke 2:40) We desire to live in the house that is built by wisdom, dwelling amongst the seven pillars that Wisdom has hewn out from the Rock. Thank you that when we ask for wisdom you give it liberally, James 1:5. We thank you that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us, and we shall walk as Jesus did as we hearken to the voice of Wisdom. May the seven-fold Holy Spirit rest upon us as it rested upon your Son, the Messiah Jesus Christ according to Isaiah 11:1-2

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and power, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD - and he will delight in fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:1-2, AMEN.