

PROVERBS 1:2-6 THE POWER OF WORDS

(THE VOCABULARY OF PROVERBS)

- ²To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand **words** of insight,
- ³to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity;
- ⁴to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth—
- ⁵Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,
- ⁶to understand a proverb and a saying,
the **words** of the wise and their riddles.

English Standard Version (ESV)

<u>Word</u>	<u>Meaning in Proverbs</u>	<u>Explanatory/Example Verses</u>
Know/Knowledge	– Having intimate relational experience and working familiarity	Gen 18:19, Phil. 3:10, Ps. 1:6
Wisdom	– Sound judgment and best decision making	Prov. 3:19, 4:11
Instruction	– Communication of principles and practices, conceptually	Ps. 32:8-9, Prov. 4:1-2
Understand	– Able to discern facts from information/data (interpretation of observations or teachings)	Matt. 15:16-17
Insight	– Having grasp of cause and effect, unseen principles of operation, consequences of decisions and actions	Eph. 3:4-6
Receive	– Bestowed upon with no initiated action, that which cannot be obtained otherwise; a gift of God	John 1:11-12, I Cor. 4:7

Wise Dealing – Working through difficult relationships and transactions	I Kings 3:28
Righteousness – Doing the right thing (not “imputed” righteousness, but acting in real time)	Prov.15:28
Justice – Attribute of God, to render to each person according to his works and worthiness	Jer. 9:24, Rom. 2:6
Equity – Impartial attitude and actions without bias	James 2:1-4, 8-9,12-13
Give – Bestow with no return payment	Prov. 3:6, Luke 12:32, James 1:5
Prudence – Exercising care to observe godly and Biblical principles	Prov. 12:16, Amos 5:13
Simple – Untaught, and unaware of deficit in wisdom	Prov. 1:32
Discretion – Speaking and acting in accordance with the level of wisdom one possesses	I Chron.22:12
Youth – The “natural man,” simple from conception	Gen. 8:21
The Wise – Those who have learned to discern between good and evil, and who exercise sound judgment as a result	Eccl.2:14, Prov. 20:26
Hear – Cause to consider in one’s thinking	Mark 8:18, Luke 8:8
Increase – Progressing from simple toward wise state	Prov. 1:5, Hos. 14:9
Learning – Changes in thinking that effect changed behavior as well	I Tim. 1:20, Heb. 5:8
Guidance – Providing external direction in paths of thinking and action	Ps. 119:105