

Proverbs 8:1-11

New International Version	Common English Bible	The Message
<p>Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?</p> <p>² At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand;</p> <p>³ beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud:</p> <p>⁴ “To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind.</p> <p>⁵ You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, set your hearts on it.^[a]</p> <p>⁶ Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right.</p> <p>⁷ My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness.</p> <p>⁸ All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse.</p> <p>⁹ To the discerning all of them are right; they are upright to those who have found knowledge.</p> <p>¹⁰ Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold,</p> <p>¹¹ for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.</p>	<p>Doesn't Wisdom cry out and Understanding shout?</p> <p>² Atop the heights along the path, at the crossroads she takes her stand.</p> <p>³ By the gate before the city, at the entrances she shouts:</p> <p>⁴ I cry out to you, people; my voice goes out to all of humanity.</p> <p>⁵ Understand skill, you who are naive. Take this to heart, you fools.</p> <p>⁶ Listen, for I speak things that are correct; from my lips comes what is right.</p> <p>⁷ My mouth utters the truth; my lips despise wickedness.</p> <p>⁸ All the words of my mouth are righteous; nothing in them is twisted or crooked.</p> <p>⁹ All of them are straightforward to those who understand, and upright for the knowledgeable.</p> <p>¹⁰ Take my instruction rather than silver, knowledge rather than choice gold.</p> <p>¹¹ Wisdom is better than pearls; nothing is more delightful than she.</p>	<p>Do you hear Lady Wisdom calling?</p> <p>Can you hear Madame Insight raising her voice? She's taken her stand at First and Main, at the busiest intersection. Right in the city square where the traffic is thickest, she shouts, “You—I'm talking to all of you, everyone out here on the streets!</p> <p>Listen, you idiots—learn good sense! You blockheads—shape up!</p> <p>Don't miss a word of this—I'm telling you how to live well, I'm telling you how to live at your best.</p> <p>My mouth chews and savors and relishes truth—I can't stand the taste of evil!</p> <p>You'll only hear true and right words from my mouth; not one syllable will be twisted or skewed.</p> <p>You'll recognize this as true—you with open minds; truth-ready minds will see it at once.</p> <p>Prefer my life-disciplines over chasing after money, and God-knowledge over a lucrative career.</p> <p>For Wisdom is better than all the trappings of wealth; nothing you could wish for holds a candle to her.</p>