

## At the Beginning > Proverbs 8:22-36

**8:22-26** *The creation of wisdom.* Wisdom matters because God created it. It's ancient, has stood fast, it's reliable, and it does not change.

**8:27-31** *Founded on wisdom.* Not only is wisdom ancient, but it is also woven into the very fabric of our world from creation onward. Some might try to ignore or downplay God's wisdom, but it is fundamentally a part of all that exists.

**8:32-36** *Build your life on wisdom.* Wisdom is God's good gift made available to us. It gives life to those who respond to it and brings the Lord's favor to all who live by it.

**Context:** The difference between the adulteress of **chapter 7** (which displays foolishness in all of its ugly detail) and the call of wisdom (beginning of **chapter 8, personified as a woman in chapter 9**) continues to be highlighted. Here, we see that wisdom is foundational to all that God created and, therefore, it is fundamental to living well for us, too.

**Aim:** Wisdom is to be pursued because it is part of the way that God Himself not only put the world together, but it is also part of how He calls His entire creation to respond to Him.

**Gospel:** Wisdom is not only perfectly embodied in Christ's words and works, but wisdom also points us to our Savior.

**Application:** How will you grow in wisdom? What will you do to help others grow in God's wisdom? What do you need to do this week to start living in a pattern of life that goes with God's wisdom rather than against it?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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