

* What a promise this is! Buckler means *shield; a protector; the scaly hide of the crocodile!* Study this great promise in God's Word! Read Psalm 3:3 + 5:12 + 28:7 + 33:20 + 115:11! Meet His condition to obtain this promise! Walk uprightly! Do the **right** thing! Obey God!

7. What promise is given to the Lord's saints in Proverbs 2:8? _____

_____ * The Lord keeps His saints! He saves them and gives them life!
Saints are the people of God, who call upon the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Study I Corinthians 1:2 slowly. If you are one who has called upon Jesus Christ to be saved, *you* are a saint! You are one of the "...**all** ... in *every place!*"

God has not given men the authority to elevate a person to sainthood! Our Savior turns sinners into saints, by cleansing them from their sins in His precious blood!

God identifies the saints in Ephesians 2:16-22. You are a fellow citizen with the saints, if you have received Christ's sacrifice on the cross as payment for your sins, and have gone to the Father, in the name of Jesus, for salvation. Have you repented of your sins, and received Jesus as your Savior? Do you trust in Him alone for your salvation? You then are one who Colossians 1:12-14 identifies as a saint. Rejoice as you read again the promise in Proverbs 2:8!

8. Verse 9 promises more blessings for each one who meets the eight conditions of Proverbs 2:1-4. What will we understand? (1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (justice; uprightness) (4) _____

* Listen to God! His Word will help you to discern the good path from the evil path! He will lead you in the paths of righteousness. See Psalm 23:3. Men do not discern good from evil. Instead, they call evil good and good evil! Isaiah 5:20-21 tells us: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"

9. Study verse 10. Where should wisdom enter? _____ * It is not enough to have wisdom only in our minds. It needs to be planted right into the depths of our hearts!

10. What should be pleasant to our soul? _____ * It should not be a boring or tedious task to mine the treasures of God's Word. Learning wisdom from the Lord should give pleasure to our souls!

11. When wisdom enters our hearts, and knowledge is pleasant to our souls, what will then *preserve* us? _____ * The definition of this word includes God's *decrees, judgments, and advice.* Having discretion gives us discernment - knowing what is good and what is evil. We then can avoid evil, and choose to walk on the good path. Discretion will preserve us from many physical and spiritual tragedies!

12. When wisdom enters our hearts, and knowledge is pleasant to our souls, what will *keep* us? _____

13. What will this discretion and understanding deliver us from? (1) _____
_____ (2) _____ (perverse things)

14. Verses 13-15 describe the evil, perverse man, of verse 12. How is he described?

(1) _____ (2) _____

_____ (3) _____ (4) _____

_____ (5) _____

_____ (6) _____

(refusing to yield and comply with righteousness; very perverse)