

Proverbs 1:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

Analysis

The threefold purpose—wisdom, instruction, and understanding—reveals progressive sanctification. The Hebrew 'musar' (instruction) implies discipline and correction, essential for Reformed understanding of growth in grace. Wisdom is not merely intellectual but transformative, reshaping the whole person according to God's design.

Historical Context

Solomon wrote for his son and successors, continuing the ancient tradition of royal instruction. This pedagogical context shows wisdom was meant to be transmitted generationally within the covenant community.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when Scripture's instruction requires correction of your thinking?
2. What role does discipline play in your spiritual growth today?

Interlinear Text

לֵדַע	חִכְמָה	וּמוֹסֵר	לְהִבִּין	אֲמָרִי	בִּינָה:
To know	wisdom	and instruction	to perceive	the words	of understanding
H3045	H2451	H4148	H995	H561	H998

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 7:4 (Parallel theme): Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman:

Proverbs 17:16 (Parallel theme): Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?