Everyday Wisdom | Proverbs 8:1-36

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7 (NIV)

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Luke 24:44-45

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. (NIV)

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Luke 2:40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. (NIV)

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Luke 2:46-47 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. (NIV)

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Luke 2:52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. (NIV) (see also Mark 6:2; Luke 11:31)

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Colossians 1:15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (NIV) (see also Revelation 3:14)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made...

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John 1:1-3

- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was with God in the beginning.
- 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. (NIV) (see also Hebrews 1:3a)

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Matthew 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds." (NIV)

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- What is his name, and what is the name of his son? Surely you know! (NIV)

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James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (NIV)

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