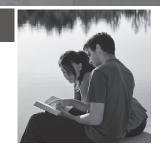
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# **DIGGING IN**

Read Proverbs 2:1-6 using the Scripture sheet. As you read, mark the "if" conditions with one color and the "then" conclusions in another. When you've finished make a list of the conditions and promises and place them in the proper columns in the space below.

<u>IF</u>

**THEN** 

#### **DIGGING DEEEPER**

The following passages tell us what God's Word has to say about God's Word. Read these from your Bible and list below each reference anything you learn about the Word of God from these passages.

Psalm 19:7-11	Hebrews 4:12
Psalm 119:98-106	Hebrews 5:12-6:2
Isaiah 55:10-11	James 1:22-25
Matthew 22:29	1 John 2:14

Considering what God's Word says about God's Word from the notes you've made, circle the three passages that are the most meaningful or convicting to you and note why.

Bonus question: How can we become wiser than our teachers and elders?

## TAKING IT INWARD

Would you label yourself as someone who knows God through His Word or knows God through other people's experiences and descriptions of God?

Others										God's Word
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

1 John 2:14 states that God's Word is able to live in us and we can overcome the evil one! Is God's Word living in you enough to give you the power to overcome the evil one? Rate your power level on the following fuel gauge.

Empty										Full
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Using the analogy from Proverbs 2 (searching for hidden treasure), how does your engagement in God's Word compare to the intensity asked for in Proverbs 2?

There's a treasure out there?									Map and shovel in h	and	
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# **PUTTING INTO PRACTICE**

Take a few moments to make a plan for how you'd like to better engage in God's Word. Below are suggestions to help you get started.

**Set Goals:** What are specific, yet realistic, goals you can set? (For example: read the gospel of John; explore and apply Jesus' parables; understand everything the apostle Paul taught about grace.)

**Find a Spot:** Designate a sacred space, a simple spot that tells your brain and your heart that it's time to listen to what God is saying in His Word.

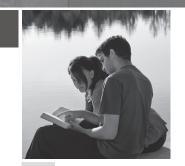
**Take Steps:** What are specific steps you will take to attain your goal? (For example, read a segment a day; journal an "Oh, Wow!" thought every time you read something.)

Write It Out: Write your plan out and read it back to yourself.

**Commit to It:** Who are you going to share this plan with? Will this person help encourage you and hold you accountable?

**Remind Yourself:** Create a digital reminder (such as, a notification, phone wallpaper, etc.) to make your plan a regular part of your life.

# SCRIPTURE SHEET



**PROVERBS 2:1-6** 

#### Proverbs 2:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,
- <sup>2</sup> turning your ear to wisdom applying your heart to understanding—
- <sup>3</sup> indeed, if you call out for insight cry aloud for understanding,
- <sup>4</sup> and if you look for it as for silver search for it as for hidden treasure,
- <sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the Lord find the knowledge of God.
- <sup>6</sup> For the Lord gives wisdom; his mouth come knowledge and understanding.