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### 7 Pillars of wisdom- Proverbs 9:1

**Proverbs 9:1**, *Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars;*

The book of Psalms teaches us how to get along with God,  
The Proverbs teaches us how to get along with people.

- Psalms helps us in our devotional life,
- while Proverbs helps us in our practical life.
  
- Psalms brings us into the heavenly realm,
- while Proverbs sets our feet in the grass roots of human life.

Most Proverbs were written by King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived. He enjoyed great material wealth and a rich spiritual heritage, which was passed on to him from his father, King David. His advice on daily living is the practical advice of someone who struggled with problems—just as we do.

In Proverbs, Solomon opens the doors to his greatest treasure chamber, sharing with us the price, the Wisdom of God that was given to him.

Here we see a woman called wisdom building a house and for that house she has cut out seven stone pillars. Pillars of course have been used from the earliest times to support the roofs of large rooms and they had through time been made of wood, stone, or mudbrick.

The structure would be supported by three pillars on each side of the courtyard and one in the centre on the third side facing the open space which was the entrance. So perhaps the woman called wisdom had built her house with the pillars laid out like that.

Now if we were able to go back in time to when this proverb was written and ask if we could talk to this woman called Wisdom, I think we would discover that we are going to have a bit of hard time finding her. The reason we won't find her is because she doesn't exist. What is happening in this proverb is that the characteristic of wisdom has been personified. Wisdom has been symbolised as a woman who has built a permanent house for herself.

So, in summary, what we have is wisdom having a permanent place to live, where the house will be supported by the perfect number of pillars.

The seven pillars had already been hewn or cut from the rock.

So, we must go back in time to see where they came from, we must find out what their source is. We can find the answer in

**Proverbs 8:12-14**, *“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion. <sup>13</sup> The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. <sup>14</sup> Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength.*

Let’s now look at each pillar of wisdom:

1. Prudence
2. Knowledge and discretion
3. Fear of God
4. Counsel
5. Sound Wisdom
6. Understanding
7. Power



### **New Testament:**

The answer can be found in the New Testament too!

The Book of James, known as wisdom book of New Testament, where it explains about wisdom.

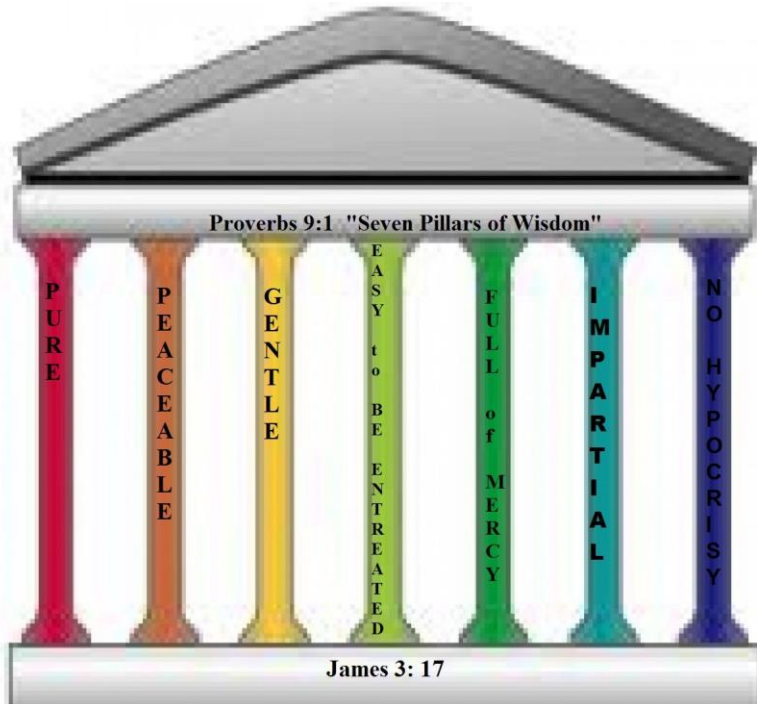
**James 1:5**, *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*

**James 3:13**, *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.*

**James 3:17**, *But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.*

What might be the seven pillars that uphold a house of wisdom?

1. Pure
2. Peaceable
3. Gentle
4. Willing to Yield
5. Full of Mercy and Good Works
6. Without Partiality
7. Without Hypocrisy



Build on the Rock

To build a house, we must first select a site, even before we can pick up a shovel or hammer to start building. Similarly, before we build our spiritual house of wisdom, we must find a place to put it.

Jesus Christ, the Master Builder, tells us how to select that place.

**Matthew 7:26-27**, *"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built*

*his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup>and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."*

Our house must be built on a strong foundation. Those who know the truth, but do not love and live it, will find their spiritual structure washed away when the torrential trials of life come along.

In Jesus' parable, the house that did not fall was built on "the rock."

**1 Corinthians 10:1–4**, *Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.*

Our spiritual house must be supported by the foundation of the Rock—Jesus Christ.

On that foundation, we must build the seven pillars of wisdom, as we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Jesus is building His Church on the rock of the truth! Which we have seen about who is head the church message from **Matthew 16:13-19**.

There is another work of construction in progress.

As we grow, building on the foundation of Jesus Christ, supported by the pillar of His Church, we ourselves can become pillars.

God is hewing and shaping Christians with a Philadelphian attitude to be mighty pillars in the Kingdom of God.

**Revelation 3:12-13**, *He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.* <sup>13</sup> *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”* ’