

*sat celeriter fieri quidquid fiat satis bene.*¹

Bible Words: *Sapientia*



Sapientia is a first declension noun and it is feminine. Even today we think of wisdom personified as a feminine character. The book of Proverbs pictures wisdom as feminine as you will see if you read the first chapter.

parabola Salomonis filii David regis Israhel ad sciendam **sapientiam** et disciplinam (Vulgate)
Proverbs 1:1-2

Sapientia is already in your notebook and so is *filius*. You will guess *parabola*. It is a first declension feminine noun (like *sapientia*) so from this information you can work out its case and number. *Regis* is the genitive singular form of the third declension noun *Rex*. If you can't guess or don't already know what this means look at this <http://www.saywhydoi.com/gr-and-er-post-box-what-does-it-mean/> for the answer! *Ad* means “to” and is another little word to add to your collection in your vocabulary notebook. Remove the “h” from *Israhel*. *Disciplina* you could almost guess; it means “teaching” or “instruction” and is another first declension feminine noun.

sapientia foris praedicat in plateis dat vocem suam Proverbs 1:20 (Vulgate translation)

Praedicat means “announce” or even “predict.” *Foris* means “outdoors.” Our word “door” is related via an old word “dor” to this word.

But there is a deeper picture here too. Read verses 20 to the end of the chapter again. Pay careful attention to verses 28 to 30. Who do you think the personification of wisdom might stand for?

¹ That which has been done well has been done quickly enough. Augustus Caesar.