

PROVERBS 3 - Guidance for the Young!

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Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart

Pro 3:1 My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands;

Pro 3:2 For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.

- **To live a good righteous life, adds length to your life.** If you live in evil habits, just corrupting your body, it shortens your life. It is good to just live a good life. It adds length of days, long life, but not only that, peace. The person who is crooked is in constant turmoil, being constantly worried about the consequences of his evil.

Pro 3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,

Pro 3:4 And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man.

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

- **Excellent instruction! Put your complete trust in the Lord.** That is wise in itself! But it is amazing how many people seem to have difficulty putting their trust in God. They will put their trust in man, believing promises that some guy is feeding them, but they find it hard to put their trust in the Lord. We are to “*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.*”

Pro 3:6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

- **Remember Joshua, who was leading the children of Israel** into the promised land. Having defeated the walled city of Jericho, they came to the little village of Ai. The men said, hey that is a little place. Give us the permission, we’ll go over and wipe em out. The whole army is not needed! They did not seek God’s guidance, “After all, we’ve got the formula for success.” The men of Ai came out against them, and the men of Israel turned and fled. Joshua fell on his face, saying, “God! What are You doing? What is happening? When the rest of the cities hear about this, they are all going to attack us! We are going to get wiped out!” The Lord said, “Why are you crying unto me? Stand up!” He was crying unto God after the fact. He had not sought the counsel of God before. “*In all your ways acknowledge Him.*”
- **It is dangerous to think that you have the key, and the secret to success.** “You know, I know how to do it now God, and so watch me.” Yes, watch you fall right on your face.
- **You would think that Joshua would have learned!** The Lord said, “When you come into the land, do not make any treaties with the people in the land. Here came the Gibeonites with stubby beards, moldy bread in their hands, ragged clothes and worn-out sandals, saying, “We have heard of the fame of your God, it is spread all over, hundreds of miles away! So, the men of our city sent us to you to make a treaty with you, that we will not attack you, but we do not want you to attack us. When we left our home, this bread was hot in our hands. The clothes and the shoes were new. But we have traveled a long way.” Joshua took stock of their victuals and inquired not of the Lord! Man, that is moldy bread isn’t it? Your shoes are really worn out! Man, you look like a mess! No need to inquire of God, obviously these guys have come a long, long way!” So, he signed the treaty. Non-aggression pact.
- **They get over the next hill, and here is the city of Gibeon,** and Joshua says, “Okay deploy the troops, but they said, “Wait a minute! We have a non-aggression pact with you right here. “You mean you’re from this city?” “Yes! Gibeon. You signed it, right here, here is your name.” Inquiring, not inquiring of the Lord, but just taking stock of the victuals. We are so prone many times to just make our own judgments. We make the mistake of getting involved in something that we cannot get out of, because we did not first inquire of God. We need to trust in the Lord with all of our hearts, do not lean to our own understanding, but acknowledge Him, ask Him, seek His guidance. “*In all your ways acknowledge Him.*”

Pro 3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

- **Three little pithy things of good instruction.** *Don’t be wise in your own eyes,* but rather, *fear the Lord,* and *depart from evil.*

Pro 3:8 It will be health to your flesh (navel, umbilical cord), And strength (moisture) to your bones.

- Now he gives you a lot of things here, and then he gives you the result of doing these things. The beginning is, “Do not forget my law, for it will, if you keep the law, and my commandments, it will bring you length of days, long life, and peace. Do not let mercy and truth forsake you, for you will then find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, the result will be, He shall direct your path!

Pro 3:9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

- **God is not to get the leftovers.** “We will give to God this month, if we have anything left.” The bible encourages us to give to God the firstfruits. The first fruit belongs to Him. It commends the giving of tithes, which is older than the Levitical commemoration.

Pro 3:10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

- **Put God first, give God the first**, and then God will take care of you.

Pro 3:11 My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction;

Pro 3:12 For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

- (**Heb 12:5-6**) And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “MY SON, DO NOT DESPISE THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD, NOR BE DISCOURAGED WHEN YOU ARE REBUKED BY HIM; [6] FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.” So often when God chastens us, we sometimes take that as a sign, “Well God doesn’t love me” or “God is angry with me, because He is chastened me. It is not a sign that God does not love you. It is a sign that God does love you! If He did not love you, He would not chasten you. He had just let you go your rotten way and destroy yourself. But, because He loves you, He chastens you. He let us you realize the danger. He gives you a taste of the destruction that can come from that attitude, from that path that you are walking.
- **Because God loves you, He chastens you, and thus, I am not to despise that chastening of the Lord.** I am not to look upon it as, as God having forsaken me, or God being angry with me, it is just a sign that God loves me, and He is correcting me to keep me from destroying myself. So next time you are chastened of the Lord, just say, “Alright! I am still His child!”

Blessed Is the One Who Finds Wisdom

Pro 3:13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding;

Pro 3:14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold.

Pro 3:15 She (wisdom and understanding) is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.

- **This is a background** of some of the proverbs that we are going to come to. “As a diamond in a swine’s snout, so is a woman without discretion.” Wisdom and understanding are valuable. They are precious, more precious than rubies, red rubies, and you cannot compare anything with wisdom and understanding.

Pro 3:16 Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor.

Pro 3:17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.

- **Now again, wisdom again is personified**, and here in a feminine.

Pro 3:18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.

Pro 3:19 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;

Pro 3:20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.

Pro 3:21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes—Keep sound wisdom and discretion;

Pro 3:22 So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck.

- **Again, the instruction with the result.** Keep sound wisdom and discretion, if you do, they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck!

Pro 3:23 Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble.

Pro 3:24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.

Pro 3:25 Do not be afraid of sudden terror (Now instruction again), Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;

- **God is going to bring His judgment upon the wicked**, do not fear *when*, not if, but *when* the trouble begins to fall upon the wicked.

Pro 3:26 For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.

- **How glorious it is to walk with the Lord!** To walk with in the understanding of God. To walk in the knowledge of the Most High. For the evil who forsake the Lord, and forsake His ways, their day is coming, the day of desolation is coming. But we need not fear when that day comes, because God will keep us. (**Pro 18:10**) *The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.* When the day of desolation comes, the name of the Lord becomes your place of strength and defense. It is a strong, high tower, the righteous run to it.

Pro 3:27 *Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.*

- **If you have the capacity to do good to someone, having the ability to do it,** then do not withhold that good.

Pro 3:28 *Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you.*

- **Do not put him off.** If you have it right there, do not say, "Oh come back tomorrow," but give it to him immediately.

Pro 3:29 *Do not devise evil against your neighbor, For he dwells by you for safety's sake.*

Pro 3:30 *Do not strive with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm.*

- **Do not go out and pick a fight,** do not go out and meddle in problems that do not pertain to you.

Pro 3:31 *Do not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways;*

Pro 3:32 *For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel is with the upright.*

- **One man is an abomination to God, the perverse person.** But God's *secret counsel is with the righteous.*

Pro 3:33 *The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the home of the just.*

- **Note the contrast here,** which is the way of creating proverbs, by putting contrasting thoughts together. "*The curse of the Lord is on the house of the wicked.*"

Pro 3:34 *Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.*

- **Both Peter and James quote this latter portion,** "**GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.**"

Pro 3:35 *The wise shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools.*

- **These proverbs give us these contrasting thoughts, and ideas, by which wisdom,** instruction and wisdom, righteousness, judgment, and equity are given to us. As we move on, we will be getting into a lot of just good wisdom! Be encouraged to gain wisdom and understanding of the ways of the Lord by just really studying these proverbs and letting them really minister to your heart!

ABOVE ALL – Michael W. Smith (4:24)

*Above all powers, above all kings. Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth There's no way to measure what You're worth
Crucified, laid behind a stone You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground You took the fall and thought of me Above all (2X)
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