

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

THE INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM AND THE APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE
TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN ALL THAT WE THINK, SAY AND DO TO THE HONOR OF OUR
LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Proverbs 3:1-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE WAY OF WISDOM CALLED TO BE AN INFLUENCER

The instruction of wisdom and the application of knowledge to the glory of God,
and all that we think, say, and do to the honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Wisdom, Knowledge, Discipleship, Maturity, Growth, Family, Life

Let's Stand & Turn In Our Bible's To The Reading of Our Text Today

Let's Grab Our Bibles & Stand for the Reading of God's Word.

Proverbs 3:1-6

1 (the instruction) My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands;
2 (the blessing) For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you.
3 (the instruction) Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write
them on the tablet of your heart, **4** (the blessing) And so find favor and high esteem in the
sight of God and man. **5** (the instruction) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not
on your own understanding; **6** In all your ways acknowledge Him,
(the blessing) and He shall direct your paths.

“Roll Up Your Sleeves!”

Would be the instruction for today

It's about us being His witnesses, His ambassadors,
His representatives. – His Influencers !

The Instructions have been **given**.

Proverbs 3:1,3,5,6a

(THE INSTRUCTION)

1 (the instruction) **My son, do not forget** my law, but **let** your heart **keep** my commands;

3 (the instruction) **Let not** mercy and truth forsake you; **bind** them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart,

5 (the instruction) **Trust** in the LORD with all your heart,
and **lean not** on your own understanding;

6a (the instruction) In all your ways **acknowledge** Him,

And if the instructions are **followed**...

Proverbs 3:2,4,6b

(THE BLESSING)

2 (the blessing) For **length** of days and **long** life and **peace** they will add to you.

4 (the blessing) And so **find** favor and **high esteem** in the sight of God and man.

6b (the blessing) and He shall **direct** your paths.

An Amazing Life will be Lived...

(And I am not being naive by saying this)

THE WAY OF WISDOM

WE ARE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS

1.) Start Looking back for His good vs. 1-2

Psalms 143:5

I **remember** the days of old; I **meditate** on all Your works;

I **muse** on the work of Your hands.

THE WAY OF WISDOM
WE ARE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS
START LOOKING BACK FOR THE GOOD

1a.) **Stop** forgetting what's good

vs. 1a

Verse 1a

Proverbs 3:1a

(the instruction) My son, do not **forget** my law,

Notice that Solomon says; Do not forget my law.

Psalms 19:7

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

Forget heb: shakach
to let loose or to let get away, to misplace or to not remember or retain.
(Implied: to stop letting it happen. to not allow this or that to be that way)

God's Desire for Us to be Educated (in the right things)

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall **teach** (repeat) them diligently to your children, and shall **talk** (repeat) of them when you sit in your **house**, (repeat) when you **walk** by the way, (repeat) when you **lie down**, and (repeat) when you **rise up**. 8 You shall **bind** (repeat) them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as **frontlets** between your eyes. 9 You shall **write** (repeat) them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

(So that you never – never forget)

A Great Part of Education – Is Remembering

Isaiah 46:9a

Remember (repeat) the former things of old, For I am God,

Psalms 77:5-6

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. 6 I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, and my spirit makes diligent search.

Watch Out for the Urgent Things of Life.
Urgency is a Time Bandit / Urgency is a Soul Master

**THE WAY OF WISDOM
WE ARE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS
START LOOKING BACK FOR THE GOOD**

1b.) **Grab** hold of His good

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

but **let** your heart **keep** my commands;

Because His Commands Will **Keep** Your Heart

Keep heb: nats'ar

seize on to, to hold in your hand tightly, to watch, guard, to be preserved by, protected by, safe keeping, watchmen in the watchtower.

THE KEEP - THE GUARD - THE HOLDING

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To Seize. To Keep. To Have.

Psalms 119:10

With my whole heart **I have sought You;**
Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

Colossians 3:1

If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above,**
where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

Psalms 19:14

Let the **words of my mouth** and the **meditation of my heart**
Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, **my strength** and my Redeemer.

Psalms 121:7

The LORD shall **preserve** you from all evil; He shall **preserve** your soul.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful, who will **establish** you and **guard** you from the evil one.

1 John 5:18

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin (sinning); but he who has **been born of God keeps himself**, and the wicked one does not touch him.

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1c.) **Receive** His good

vs. 2

Verse 2

2 (the blessing) For **length** of days and **long** life and **peace** they will **add** to you

Length heb: arak
to be long, continuous, and enduring, made able to be productive,
fruitful, prolonged, extended.

{ A Life being Lived that is Intentional, Determined, Useful, Effective }

“Keep yourself usable”

- Chuck Smith

Long heb: shanah
the root meaning; to change or to alter, to make different from what was to be. (meaning - that without God, life is shortened, premature, aborted). to die a premature death.

Deuteronomy 30:19

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life
and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life,
that both you and your descendants may live;

Verse 2

and **PEACE** they will **add** to you

Peace heb: shalom

total completeness, the right mind, absolute soundness, unfailing rest, calm, well-being, to be in at peace body, soul and spirit.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My **peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Add heb: yasaph

compounded upon, to be added layer after layer. given in abundance, stacked upon, given and given again.

THE WAY OF WISDOM WE ARE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS

2.) Recognize what His plan is vs. 3-4

2a.) **Possess** what He has for you vs. 3a

Verse 3a

3 (the instruction) **Let not** **mercy** and
truth forsake you

Stop Letting It Happen...

Mercy

heb: Ben-C'hased (He-Saed)

acts of devotion, kindness, righteous acts indicating a godly life. A life that is centered upon God and His instruction, correction and guidance.

Malachi 4:2a

But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness **shall arise**
with healing in His wings;

Forsake: heb: azab
to abandon, to leave, to desert, escape, slip away from you.

Psalms 139:17-18

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!
18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
when I awake, I am still with You.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS
RECOGNIZE WHAT HIS PLAN IS

2b.) **Apply** His will to your life vs. 3b

Verse 3b

bind them around your neck,
write them on the **tablet** of your heart

Bind heb: qashar
to league together, to conspire, to make stronger

Write heb: kathab
mark, etch, inscribed, to sign a signature.

Table heb: luach
A slate or slab, a board or plank, an identifier, that which describes the individuals purpose, motive, intent for life. (one's purpose is found in their hearts desires)

Psalms 119:9-11

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. 10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
11 **Your word I have hidden in my heart**, That I might not sin against You.

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RECOGNIZE WHAT HIS PLAN IS

2c.) **Go** and be the new you vs. 4

Verse 4

4 (the blessing) And so find **favor** and high **esteem** in the sight of God and man.

Favor heb: c'Hen

grace or charmed, adorned, the object of affection and generosity, to be singled out, chosen to be blessed. (PRAY FOR HIS FAVOR – AMEN)

High Esteem

heb: sakal

having a reputation for influencing others toward or in the direction of what is right, prudent, to act wisely, known to make the right decisions. the source for being instructed, educated, insightful, discerning, resulting in being desirable among others - for having good success, wisdom, prosperity, well-being.

Examples; Abraham, David, Daniel, Joseph, & John

In The Sight of God, meaning;

He or she is consistently the same individual. The statement implies that there is no gap or light or space between what God sees and what man sees in us. Being consistent and predictable regarding the things of God.

Luke 2:46-52

Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." 49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. 51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

THE WAY OF WISDOM
WE ARE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS

3.) Rest in what His good is

vs. 5-6

3a.) **Live** by His understanding

vs. 5

Verse 5

5 (the instruction) **Trust** in the LORD with all your heart, and
lean not on your own **understanding**;

We Understand Things so Little – If at All

Trust heb: batach
having bold confident in, having a safe certain security in.

Lean heb: shaan (negative)
self-assurance, to trust in your own abilities, self-supported, self-centered

**“When we do not trust in God, we are guilty of trusting in ourselves.
When we trust ourselves, we are leaning upon our own resources.
The result will be a life marked by anxiety, fear, insecurity, and loss.”**

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REST IN WHAT HIS GOOD IS

3b.) **Seek** Him for everything

vs. 6a

Verse 6a

6 In all your ways **acknowledge** Him,

In Every-THING of Life & In Every-WAY...

In ALL Ways

Ways heb: darak
to aim with your foot, to walk toward the desired end. to walk directly to or towards the finish
or end point. to finish the journey(s). of life.

Psalms 46:10a
Be still, and **know** that I am God

Acknowledge heb: ya'da
to know by discovery, to find God where you are at. to discover the presences of God
where you stand.

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3c.) **Follow** Him as He leads the way vs. 6b

Verse 6b

(the blessing) and He shall **direct** your paths.

Direct heb: Ya'shar
to be made smooth, straight, or right, agreeable, level or balanced, to be in alignment
(with the will of God)

Matthew 4:18-20

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, "**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**"
20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

The Exhortation Needed Today

Hosea 4:6a **NKJV**

My people **are destroyed** (the reason is) for lack of **knowledge**.

Hosea 4:6 a**NLT**

My people **are being destroyed** (the reason is) because **they don't know me**.

A kin to Hosea 4:6 is Proverbs 29:18

Proverbs 29:18a KJV

Where there is **no vision**, the people **perish**

Proverbs 29:18a NKJV

Where there is **no revelation**, the people **cast off restraint**

Proverbs 29:18a ESV

Where there is **no prophetic vision** the people **cast off restraint**

Proverbs 29:18a NLT

When people do not accept **divine guidance**, **they run wild.**

Do You Have a **Vision** for Your Life
Do You Have a **Revelation** for Your Life
Do You Have a **Prophetic Word** for Your Life
Do You Have a **Divine Guidance** for Your Life

Romans 8:29a

For whom He **foreknew**, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.

God's Foreknowledge of You,
Before You Ever **Existed.**

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born
I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

Psalms 139:13-17

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

Galatians 1:15

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's
womb and called me through His grace,

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think,
according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ
Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

End of Study

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