

# 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 – PART 2

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

(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.

#### An Observation:

That the God of The Bible, desires your life to be blessed so that  
you, can be a blessing toward others.

In his opening arguments to this chapter, Dr. H. A. Ironside states; "This is far more than submission to duty; it is loving devotion to the will of God. "Thy word", says the psalmist "Have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against thee." - Psalm 119:11. The scribe, Ezra declared that; "He prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord and to do it and to teach Israel, His statutes and judgments." - Ezra 7:10.

"In the broader context of Proverbs, wisdom is not merely intellectual knowledge but a practical knowledge that is lived out in relationship with God in such a way that He affects every decision, relationship, and action. Trusting God "With all your heart" is the foundation upon which all other wisdom is built."

## WHERE IN THE BIBLE IS THIS LAW SEEN?

### **Genesis 12:1-3**

**Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."**

The Present Day Jew and the Nation of Israel is...  
a living, breath, (existing) testimony to God's faithfulness  
to keep what He has promised – He has promised blessings.

### **Romans 11:1-2a,5-6a,11-12**

**I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew, 5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace, 11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. 12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!**

### **Genesis 22:18**

**In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."**

Genesis 26:4

And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

Galatians 3:16

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

The Jew & Gentile (WHO) puts their trust in Messiah  
will be blessed of God

THE WAY OF WISDOM

**CHURCH – WE'RE 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.

1. Remembering the Days of Old = (past)
2. Meditating on all Your works = (present)
3. Musing on the work of Your hands = (future)

What great things He has done  
What He is doing now  
What He will do in the future

1a.) Stop forgetting what's good

vs. 1a

Verse 1a

Proverbs 3:1a

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

1b.) Grab hold of His good

vs. 1b

1c.) Receive His good

vs. 2

## Verse 2b

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

Where we left off in our last study together

### THE WAY OF WISDOM WE ARE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS

2.) Recognize what God's plan is vs. 3-4

2a.) **Possessing** what God has for you vs. 3a

**3** Let not **mercy** and **truth** **forsake** 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.

#### Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

#### 2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen,

2b.) **Applying** 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, to unite in or be equipped with.

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)

#### Ezekiel 36:24-27

For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. **25** Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. **26** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

This is a Promise to Israel & the Jews FIRST,  
in the Last Days – and to us, the grafted in.

#### Romans 11:17-21

And if some of the branches **(Jews)** were broken off, and you, **(Gentiles)** being a wild olive tree, were grafted in **among them**, **(Jews)** and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, 18 do not boast against the branches. **(Jews)** But if you **(Gentiles)** do boast, remember that you **(Gentiles)** do not support the root, but the root supports you **(Gentiles)**. 19 You will say then, "Branches **(Jews)** were broken off that I **(Gentile)** might be grafted in." 20 Well said. Because of unbelief they **(Jews)** were broken off, and you **(Gentiles)** stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches **(Jews)**, He may not spare you **(Gentiles)** either.

### THE WAY OF WISDOM WE ARE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS RECOGNIZE WHAT HIS PLAN IS

2c.) **Going** and being the new you

vs. 4

#### Verse 4

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

# The Marked Difference of the True Child of God.

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)

The Bible Says;  
 “For the Law was given through Moses,  
 but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”  
 The Law was Truth, but the Law was Truth without Grace.”

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| High Esteem | heb: sakal<br>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. |
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### Examples of Such Favor; 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**;

At Best - We Have Such Limited Understanding

### 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

When I **was** a child, I **spoke** as a child, I **understood** as a child, I **thought** as a child; but when I became a **man**, I put away childish things. **12** For now we see in a mirror, **dimly**, but then **face to face**. Now I know **in part**, but then I **shall know** just as I also am known.

“The instruction to “Lean not unto thine own understanding” does not discourage reason, logic, or learning. Rather, it warns against making all human reason, logic, or learning the final authority in your life decisions.

Let the Word of God reign supreme in your life & not human wisdom or opinion.”

### John 14:15,23

“If you love Me, keep My commandments, **23** Jesus answered and said to him,  
“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him,  
and **We will come** to him and **make Our home** with him.

## The Danger of Being Among the Many

### Matthew 7:20-23

Therefore, by **their** fruits you will know **them**. **21** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will** of My Father in heaven. **22** **Many** will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have **we** not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?”  
**23** And then I will declare to **them**, “I never knew you; depart from Me, **you** who practice lawlessness!”

Observation: The God of The Bible,  
Desires your life to be blessed so that you can be a blessing toward others.

**James 1:22-25**

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one **will be blessed** in what he does.

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| trust | heb: batach<br>having bold confidence in, having a safe, certain, security in. resting in.             |
| all   | heb: kol<br>in all manner, altogether, fully. without reservation                                      |
| lean  | heb: shaan (negative)<br>self-assurance, to trust in your own abilities, self-supported, self-centered |

## To Lean or Not to Lean – That is the Question.

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

**Proverbs 28:26**

He who **trusts in his own heart** **is a fool**,  
But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

**2 Timothy 2:15-17a**

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. 17 And their message will spread like cancer.

Immediately we are brought to a confrontation between two sovereign powers. By two sovereign powers, I mean that only God is sovereign in all things. We however possess a sovereignty in the weakest possible way.

## The Sovereignty of Man

Is having the freedom of choice, the responsibility of choosing and making decisions, but the curse is that we do so from such a limited and uninformed position.

## The Sovereignty of God

Is absolute and perfect sovereignty based upon His nature. He is the all knowing and all powerful God of wisdom and knowledge. His sovereignty is unlimited and perfect in all His ways.

“Thus, we are to trust in the Sovereign Lord our God, with every fiber of our being, putting the full weight of our cares, worries and problems in his hand.”

1 Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

## Do we really trust God for our eternal salvation

- do we really trust God to escort us into heaven? – and if we do, then why do we find ourselves worrying, being anxious and fearful? – can we really have one without the other?

The great test is in two arenas.

(#1) Arena is in **our daily living**. Will we trust God for each day?

The (#2) arena is when we come to the **end of our days**, when we lay our head down upon our death bed. Will we trust God in that final day?

Do You Trust Him Now ?

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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** of Life;  
**In ALL Ways**

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

Acknowledge / Know heb: ya'da  
to know or to find God by discovery, to find God wherever you are at.  
to discover the presences of God in the very place where you are.  
in sitting. in working. in leisure. in walking, in being.

Psalms 46:10a

Be still, and **know** that I am God;

Example: Elijah is on the ropes, but God was there first !

1 Kings 19:11-13

Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. 13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

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REST IN WHAT HIS GOOD IS

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 straight, or right, agreeable, level or balanced, to be in alignment  
(with God being your DIRECTOR)

## The Exhortation Needed Today

Hosea 4:6a **NKJV**

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

Hosea 4:6a **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,

**Psalms 37:5**

**Commit** your **way** to the LORD, **trust** also in Him, and He shall bring **it** to pass.

**Proverbs 16:3**

**Commit** your **works** to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.

**Psalms 32:8**

I will **instruct** you and **teach** you in **the way** you should go; I will **guide** you with My eye.

**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.

**Isaiah 55:8-9**

"For My **thoughts** are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My **ways**," says the LORD.  
9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My **ways** higher than your ways, and My **thoughts** than your thoughts.

**Psalms 40:4 NIV**

**Blessed** is the man who makes the LORD his **trust**, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Psalm 56:3-4 NIV

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

Psalm 62:8 BSB

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Isaiah 26:3-4 NIV

You (The LORD) will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.

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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