

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 3

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:

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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.

The Apostle Paul's Letter to The Church at Corinth Greece.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24

For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; **23** but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, **24** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

In Jesus' Day – The Religious Leadership of the Jewish Nation
Demanded / Required that they see signs and wonders – miracles

And so, Jesus came to them in Power

Among The Gentiles of the World,
They Demanded / Required that they hear Intellectual Things

So, Jesus came to them in Wisdom

1 Corinthians 1:24

But to those **who are called**, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the **power** of God and the **wisdom** of God.

THE WAY OF WISDOM

CHURCH – WE'RE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS

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

...**GOD'S GOOD HAND IN YOUR PAST**

Proverbs 3:1-2

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.

Here's The Law of God
Instruction + Obedience = Blessing = Influence

THE WAY OF WISDOM

WE ARE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS

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

...**GOD'S GOOD HAND IN THE PRESENT**

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.

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

vs. 3a

3 Let not **mercy** and **truth** **forsake** you;

Here is Our Obedience to The Instruction

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.

Seize Upon God's Good for Your Life

Romans 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If **(since)** God is for us, who can be against us?

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **13** And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

...GOD'S GOOD HAND IN THE **PRESENT**

2b.) **Applying** His will to your life

vs. 3b

Verse 3b

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

Here is Our Obedience to The Instruction

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 heart's desires)

Everybody Wants to Write Stuff Upon Your Heart,
Who Is It Going to Be ? - - Whoever You Decide !

Proverbs 4:23-27

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it *spring* the issues of life. 24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you. 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. 26 Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. 27 Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.

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 in the Life of the True Child of God.

Here Comes The Blessing & The Influence

Favor heb: c'hen
grace or charm, to be adorned, being the object of & the recipient 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."

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.

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

...GOD'S GOOD FOR YOUR LIFE **Now !!!**

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**;

Here is Our Obedience to The Instruction

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.

Trust	heb: batach having bold confidence in, having a safe, certain, security in. resting in.
All	heb: kol in all manner of, altogether, fully. without reservation
Lean	heb: shaan (negative) self-assurance, to trust in your own abilities, self-supported, self-centered

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

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. **18** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

2 Timothy 1:12b

I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

**THE WAY OF WISDOM
WE ARE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS
REST IN WHAT HIS GOOD IS**

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

vs. 6a

Verse 6a

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

Here is The Obedience to The Instruction

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 was on the run, 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?"

The Danger of thinking that you've heard from God.

#1 **guessing** that you've heard from the Lord. #2 **assuming** you've heard from the Lord #3 **believing** that you've heard from the Lord. - -
vs. Hearing from the Lord, Through His Word.

Psalm 107:20

He sent His word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destructions.

Psalm 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Isaiah 61:1-2a

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,

Luke 4:16-21

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

THE WAY OF WISDOM
WE ARE CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS
REST IN WHAT HIS GOOD IS

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

Verse 6b

and He shall **direct** your paths.

Here Comes The Blessing & The Influence

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
Purpose for Your Life **Ephesians 2:8-10**

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For by **grace** you **have been saved** through **faith**, and that not
(faith also is a gift from God) of yourselves; it is the **gift** of God, 9 not of works, lest
anyone should boast. 10 For we are His **workmanship**, **created in Christ Jesus for good**
works, which God prepared **beforehand** (foreknowledge) that we should walk in them.

Workmanship

grk: poiema

His effort, His handiwork, His craftsmanship

Do You Have a **Prophetic Word** for Your Life _____

Jeremiah 1:4-9

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: **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." **6** Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth." **7** But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. **8** Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD. **9** Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Do You Have **Divine Guidance** for Your Life _____

Romans 8:29a

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

The Foreknowledge of God,
is For Your Good, Long Before
You Ever **Existed**.

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.

Psalms 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?

Psalms 62:8 ESV

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.

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