

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 3:11-18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE WAY OF WISDOM

FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY – 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:

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

Proverbs 3:11-18

My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor detest His correction;

12 For whom the LORD loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights.

13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding;

14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain - than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. **16** Length of days is in her right-hand, in her left-hand riches and honor. **17**

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. **18** She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her.

The Overriding Theme of the Entire Book of Proverbs is Found in;

Proverbs 1:7

The **fear** of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

THE WAY OF WISDOM
FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY

1.) The Strong Hand of our God vs. 11-12

THE **STRONG HAND** OF OUR GOD
IS FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY

1a.) With **loving** discipline vs. 11a

Verse 11a

Proverbs 3:11a

My son, do not **despise** the **chastening** of the LORD,

1b.) With **precise** guidance vs. 11b

Verse 11b

Proverbs 3:11b

nor **detest** His **correction**;

The Guidance (Correction – Course Change) of the Holy Spirit

John 16:7-14

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away;
for if I do not go away, the Helper...

Helper grk: pa'ra'kle'tos / pa'ra'ka'le'o
to come along side of, to come to one's aid and assistance. an advocate who
is for you, to encourage you, to appeal to you, comfort.

...the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when
He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9
of sin, because they do not believe in Me...

10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of
judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 "I still have many things to say

to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will GUIDE you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

THE **STRONG HAND** OF OUR GOD
IS FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY

1c.) With **avored** affection vs. 12

Verse 12

Proverbs 3:12

For whom the LORD **loves** He **corrects**,
just as a father the son in whom he **delights**.

THE WAY OF WISDOM
IS FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY

2.) The **Generous Spirit** of our God vs. 13-15

THE **GENEROUS** SPIRIT OF OUR GOD
IS FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY

2a.) He **wants** to be found vs. 13

Verse 13

Proverbs 3:13

13 Happy is the man who
(#1) finds **wisdom**, and the man who (#2) gains **understanding**;

Happy - Why Happy ?

Why would this instruction from the Lord make you happy ?

Because it brings you into direct contact with God Himself !

Because What God Has to Say Is;

Liberating. Life-Giving. True. Honest. Wise. Good. Eternal.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.

Happy

heb: a'shar

to go straight to, to go directly to, to be advancing, guided, (implying that God wants our lives uncluttered and without distraction or noise.

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed [happy] is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; **2** But his delight [happiness] is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. **3** He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water [happy], that brings forth its fruit in its season, [happy] whose leaf also shall not wither; [happy] and whatever he does shall prosper. [happy]

But here's the challenge – I **lovingly** don't care how young or who old you might be. I **lovingly** don't care what your life's experience has been. I **lovingly** don't care what you're going through right now.

The Question Is;
Will you be willing to apply the Word of God –
to your life from this point forward ?

There's an Enemy (distraction) to your Spiritual Happiness

Luke 10:38-40

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. **40** But Martha was **distracted** with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore, tell her to help me."

Distracted grk: Perispao; from the root word Peri
to be pulled on from many angles, to be tugged on and drawn away
from what is important by what is the urgent. concerns, issues,
circumstances, conditions. (all to distract)

When it came to the issues of life, Jesus never took the long way around.
HE SET HIS FACE LIKE FLINT... *allowing no distractions*

Luke 9:51

**Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up,
that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem**

Fines heb: mo'tsa
to find the source, the headwaters or the mouth of a spring.

What Were Jesus' Thoughts On His Way to Golgotha(?)

I have no doubt that Jesus would have
- encouraged Himself in the Word

The Messianic Prophecy of;

Isaiah 50:6-9a

I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 "For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. 9b Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me?

He who **[finds]** is the one who **[gains]**

Jeremiah 29:12

**Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me,
and I will listen to you.**

Isaiah 55:6

**Seek the LORD while He may be found,
call upon Him while He is near.**

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.

Gains

heb: puq

It will be given, will be obtained, will be gotten.

James 1:5 ESV

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God,
who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Verse 13b

Proverbs 3:13b

13 **Happy** is the man... who **gains** **understanding**;

How beautiful is this? - God wants us to have understanding.

Do you realize how many mishaps and blenders and catastrophes we could avoid if we had God's understanding on all matters – we could, if we took the time !

Understanding

heb: tebunah

having the knowing of, discernment, to having the skill to see what is not readily seen, skillful insight.

UNDERSTANDING & DISCERNMENT ARE PARTNERS IN TRUTH.

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise, the Holy Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with **groanings** which cannot be **uttered**. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the (Holy) Spirit is, because He makes **intercession** for the saints according to the will of God.

This is the Internal / Personal Experience

Groanings

grk: ste'na'zo:

to grieve from within oneself, to sigh with deep emotion and sound that is inarticulate to know.

1 Corinthians 2:16

For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?"
But we have the mind of Christ.

Philippians 2:5

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

THE **GENEROUS** SPIRIT OF OUR GOD
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2b.) He **desires** the best for us

vs. 14

Verse 14

Proverbs 3:14

14 For her **proceeds** are **better than** the profits of **silver**,
and her **gain**, than fine **gold**.

He Desires **the** Best for Us // He Desires **HIS** Best for Us
The Dividends of Wisdoms
His Best is Given or Gifted to Us – It Cannot be Earned.

The God of the Bible DESIRES **Love** for You !

The God of the Bible DESIRES **Repentance** for You !

The God of the Bible DESIRES **Forgiveness** for You !

The God of the Bible DESIRES **Grace** for You !

The God of the Bible DESIRES **Mercy** for You !

The God of the Bible DESIRES **Vision** for You !

The God of the Bible DESIRES **Joy** for You !

The God of the Bible DESIRES **Power** for You !

The God of the Bible DESIRES **Peace** for You !

Psalms 145:5

I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works.

Psalms 103:13-14

As a father pities *his* children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him.
14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

Nahum 1:7

The LORD *is* good, A stronghold in the day of trouble;
and He knows those who trust in Him.

Psalms 69:16

Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

THE **GENEROUS** SPIRIT OF OUR GOD
IS FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY

2c.) He **longs** for us to be set apart vs. 15

Verse 15

Proverbs 3:15

15 She is **more precious** than **rubies**,
and all the **things** you may desire **cannot compare** with her

Everything about the love of our God for us - - is about the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is **calling us out** of this world and into His Kingdom to come.

Like Any Journey We Take in This World

It happens by faith. It happens by acknowledgment.

It happens by understanding. It happens by following Him

– It happens just like any other journey that you and I would take in this world.

Why Are “**RUBIES**” So Precious ?

Recently, Lisa and I were in London, and we took the time to go see the Crown Jewels. In that display are the various crowns that represent the King or Queen’s Dominion, wherever on earth. Among many of the remarkable gems and stones set in each of the crowns, the Royal Red Ruby stands out and is most prominent. But why? Rubies have represented royalty because they are rare, beautiful, durable, and costly. They’re not common stones found just anywhere - they are hard to get to. They must be sought after, they must be discovered, mined, cut, polished, and then put on display like the treasure it is. The Ruby’s deep red color has long represented wealth, beauty, royalty, and desire.

Why Are “**THINGS**” Such a Big Deal ?

Things reveal what is important to us. Things speak as to what is valuable to us.

Deuteronomy 7:6

For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

1Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2 Corinthians 6:17

Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.”

The Question Is;
Will you Receive Him

John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

End of Study

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