

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 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.

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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.

Solomon – The Man who had it all – Learned that
without God Governing his live – All that he had - was nothing.

It's good for us to remember that these words are coming from a man who
has been known throughout all the human history to be the wisest and
wealthiest man to have ever lived.

THE WAY OF WISDOM

FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY

1.) The Strong Hand of our God

vs. 11-12

2.) The Generous Spirit of our God

vs. 13-15

**THE PERSON & THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
IS YOUR LIFELINE TO TRUTH, UNDERSTANDING & DISCERNMENT.**

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.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty.

THE WAY OF WISDOM IS FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY

3.) The Extravagant Heart of our God

vs. 16-18

Proverbs 3:16-18

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.

R.O.I.

What is Return On Investment?

As a percentage, return on investment (ROI) is a financial ratio that measures the profit generated by an investment relative to its cost. Key factors influencing ROI include the initial investment amount, ongoing maintenance costs, and the cash flow generated by the investment.

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need
according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. **9** As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." **10** Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, **11** while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, **5** who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In God's economy, the R.O.I.
is the infinite blessings that God bestows upon His own children.

THE **EXTRAVAGANT HEART** OF OUR GOD
IS FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY

3a.) We are the **recipients** of His goodness vs. 16

Verse 16

Proverbs 3:16

Length of days is in her **right** hand, In her **left** hand **riches and honor**

Here, the wisdom of God is personified as a wise woman, who – you would you profit from if you decide to know her. She has much to instruct us in the ways of God.

Loving Obedience (wisdom) Lengthens Your Life on Earth.
(This is a general rule of God's order. Of course, violence, injury or illness still occurs)

The 5th. Commandment

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Length HEB: a'rak
To be long or elongated, continuing, enduring days,
(RIGHT HAND) = having the power to do it

This is a much broader or greater promise than what
meets the eye.

Psalms 90:12

So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalms 139:16

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.

Let each of us, Pursue “The Number of Our Days”
with Radical Devotion !

Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we
were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and
raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the
ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ
Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not 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
that we should walk in them.

Proverbs 3: 16b

In her left hand riches and honor

Riches HEB: a'shar
To become rich, to be enriched, to gain the proper kind of wealth,
(LEFT HAND) = having the resources to give it and to be a blessing.

Honor HEB: ka'bed
That which is weighty, heavy, firm, not able to remove,
[Proven to be rock solid, a pillar]

Revelation 3:12

He who overcomes, I will make him a **pillar** in the temple of My God,

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become **rich**.

THE **EXTRAVAGANT HEART OF OUR GOD
IS FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY**

3b.) We are the **beneficiaries** of His goodness vs. 17

Verse 17

Proverbs 3:17

17 Her ways are **ways** of **pleasantness**, and
all her **paths** are **peace**.

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Ways

HEB: darak

To walk along, to tread upon a path, to march on towards, to trod down a trail, to follow a course – [The course becomes the way because the way is the course.] – of life.

Hosea 14:9

Who is **wise**? Let him **understand** these things. Who is **prudent**? Let him **know** them.
For the **ways** of the LORD are right; **the righteous walk** in them,
but transgressors stumble in them.

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a **lamp** to my feet and a **light** to my path.

Pleasantness

HEB: na'me

Delightful, better than good, beyond what is desired.
to surpassing in beauty.

Psalms 65:11

You (the LORD) crown the year with Your goodness,
and Your paths drip with abundance.

Verse 17

Proverbs 3:17c

and all her paths are peace.

Peace

HEB: shalom

Completeness (be upon you), soundness (be upon you), calm (be upon you), health (be upon you), rest (be upon you) -

Galatians 4:1-7

Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, **2** but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. **3** Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. **4** But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. **6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" **7** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

THE **EXTRAVAGANT** HEART OF OUR GOD IS FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY

3c.) We are the heirs of His salvation vs. 18

Verse 18

Proverbs 3:18

18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,
and happy are all who retain her.

Tree

HEB: ets

The root, the stem, the branch, the timbers,
the source of the structure

This is a remarkable statement.
It immediately takes us back to the **Tree of Life**
in the Book of Genesis.

There was one (1) forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden,
until there were two (2) = The Tree of Life.

Life

HEB: chay

Vitality, life-living, to live a life – life without end, like the wisdom of God is part of the nature of God, [ever-living life] is the only life intended by God.

Romans 8:14-18

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” **16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. **18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Verse 18b

Proverbs 3:18c

happy are all who retain her.

Retain

HEB: tamak

To grasps on to, to seize it, take it, desire it enough to obtain it, to take hold of that which is right in front of you.

Romans 8:28-29

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. **29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Isaiah 55:1

“Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Matthew 11:28

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

John 7:37

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying,
“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

The Gospel Invitation

Isaiah 45:22a

"Look to Me, and be saved."

How Much Money Does It Cost to Look?
It's Free to Look. But Will You Look?

End of Study

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