

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

Key words: **Trust** – to believe, to connect, to have faith in
Lean – to incline, to learn, to rest oneself, to depend on, to stop at something
Acknowledge – to admit the truth, to know thoroughly, to recognize, to confess
Direct – to show or point out the way to a place, supervise the way, moving from one place to another

Introduction:

- Words of wisdom and knowledge from King Solomon to us.
- It is up to us how we choose to live our lives.

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Big Idea: Solomon share with us four key principle that can have a direct impact on our lives for 2020.

Outline:

1. Trust in the LORD with all your heart (verse 5)

- **Trust defined:** to believe, to connect, to have faith in
- Trust in Him
 - o Step of faith both in words and action. In Christ and in His Word.
- With **all** your heart
 - o Confess with your mouth and believe in your heart. (Romans 10:9-10)
- Psalm 118:8 – it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

2. And lean not on your understanding (verse 5)

- **And** – connecting word – draws the two parts together as one complete action
- **Lean defined:** to incline, to learn, to rest oneself, to depend on, to stop at something
- **Lean not**
 - o What you lean on needs to be firm anchored in the Word of God.
- Your own **understanding**
 - o Matt 13:23 hears the word and understands ... bears fruit
 - o Cor 14:15 pray and sing with understanding
 - o Eph 5:17 understand what the will of the Lord is

3. In all your ways acknowledge Him (verse 6)

- In **all**
 - o Everything, everywhere, all the time
- Your **ways**
 - o What your plan for your life today, does it include God.
- **Acknowledge** Him
- **Acknowledge defined:** to admit the truth, to know thoroughly, to recognize, to confess
 - See the word knowledge inside but also the word **know** is there also
- o Again, In all
 - Through everyday living
 - Through study, prayer and worship
 - Recognize His leading for your life.

4. And He shall direct your paths (verse 6)

- **And** – a connecting word – draws the two parts together as one complete action or thought
 - o Connected to in all your ways acknowledge Him (Verse 6a)
- He shall **direct**

- **Direct defined:** to show or point out the way to a place, supervise the way, moving from one place to another
 - You turn your life into the hands of God, and He will direct and guide by the Holy Spirit.
 - Key, “His will” over “my will” – Lord’s Prayer.
 - Direction for your life, trust God and look to Him and He will give it to you. Matt 7:7-8
- 2 Thes 3:5 tells us to let the Lord direct our heart.
- Your **paths**
 - We are on a journey and we need to commit our lives to God believing in faith that He will direct us. Wherever He leads us as His child and disciple we will follow.

Conclusion:

- Life is full of choices, but it is critical that we make the right choice.
 - Each different road can lead us in many different directions, but it is key that we walk the road that Christ has set before us. **He will** direct our path, if we will just have faith and trust in Him.
- Review 4 main points =
 - **Trust in the LORD with all your heart**
 - **Lean not on your understanding**
 - **In all your ways acknowledge Him**
 - **He shall direct your paths**

Prayer:

- Close in a prayer of commitment with the people that they will set as a goal, to walk their lives according to God, obeying His Word and living out His will for their life.