

Lessons in Proverbs -- Skill in Living

Proverbs 3 – Key Ideas

Read the whole chapter aloud.

3:1-2

What are the benefits of remembering God's law?

3:3-4

How are mercy and truth related?

Why are they important?

3:5-8

What must one do to have God direct his path? vss. 5-6

What does it mean to be wise in your own eyes? vs. 7

What is the opposite of being wise in your own eyes?

3:9-10

How are generosity and wisdom related?

3:11-12

If God loves you, what will He do?

What does a good father do to his son?

What does a bad father do to his son?

3:13-18

How does one find happiness? Vs. 13

Wisdom is more precious than what? Vss. 14-15

How does one live a long life and honor? Vs. 16

How does one find peace? Vs. 17

What does one find by taking hold of wisdom? Vs. 18

3:19-20

How did God create the world?

3:21-26

What does wisdom do for your soul? Vss. 21-22

How does wisdom bring safety and deliver from fear? Vss. 23-24

Why should one not be afraid of the “sudden terror by night”? vss. 25-26

3:27-30

Why is it wrong to withhold good from one’s neighbor? Vss. 27-28

Why is it evil to wrong your neighbor? Vs. 29

What does it mean to strive with a man without cause? Vs. 30

Law: What does this chapter say to us about God’s holy law?

In light of Proverbs 3 how have you broken God’s law?

Where does the law drive us? Romans 5:20a

Gospel: What does the gospel say to one who has broken God’s law?

Romans 5:20b

²⁰ Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound.

But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, (Rom. 5:20 NKJ)

Can a person who has committed many sins be clean?

⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us (1 Jn. 1:7-10 NKJ)

<p>NKJ Proverbs 3:1 My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; ² For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you. ³ Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, ⁴ <i>And</i> so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man. ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.</p> <p>⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. ⁸ It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. ⁹ Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; ¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.</p> <p>¹¹ 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 <i>in whom</i> he delights.</p> <p>¹³ Happy <i>is</i> the man <i>who</i> finds wisdom, And the man <i>who</i> gains understanding; ¹⁴ For her proceeds <i>are</i> better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. ¹⁵ She <i>is</i> more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. ¹⁶ Length of days <i>is</i> in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. ¹⁷ Her ways <i>are</i> ways of pleasantness, And all her paths <i>are</i> peace. ¹⁸ She <i>is</i> a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy <i>are all</i> who retain her.</p>	<p>NIRV Proverbs 3:1 My son, do not forget my teaching. Keep my commands in your heart. ² They will help you live for many years. They will bring you success. ³ Don't let love and truth ever leave you. Tie them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will find favor and a good name in the eyes of God and people. ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways remember him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight. ⁷ Don't be wise in your own eyes. Have respect for the LORD and avoid evil. ⁸ That will bring health to your body. It will make your bones strong. ⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth. Give him the first share of all your crops. ¹⁰ Then your storerooms will be so full they can't hold everything. Your huge jars will spill over with fresh wine. ¹¹ My son, do not hate the LORD's training. Do not object when he corrects you.</p> <p>¹² The LORD trains those he loves. He is like a father who trains the son he is pleased with. ¹³ Blessed is the one who finds wisdom. Blessed is the one who gains understanding. ¹⁴ Wisdom pays better than silver does. She earns more than gold does.</p> <p>¹⁵ She is worth more than rubies. Nothing you want can compare with her.</p> <p>¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and honor. ¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways. All her paths lead to peace. ¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who hold her close. Those who hold on to her will be blessed.</p>
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<p>¹⁹ The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;</p> <p>²⁰ By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.</p> <p>²¹ My son, let them not depart from your eyes— Keep sound wisdom and discretion;</p> <p>²² So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck.</p> <p>²³ Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble.</p> <p>²⁴ When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.</p> <p>²⁵ Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;</p> <p>²⁶ For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.</p> <p>²⁷ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.</p> <p>²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give <i>it</i>," When you have it with you.</p> <p>²⁹ Do not devise evil against your neighbor, For he dwells by you for safety's sake.</p> <p>³⁰ Do not strive with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm.</p> <p>³¹ Do not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways;</p> <p>³² For the perverse <i>person is</i> an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel <i>is</i> with the upright.</p> <p>³³ The curse of the LORD <i>is</i> on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the home of the just.</p>	<p>¹⁹ By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations. Through understanding he set the heavens in place.</p> <p>²⁰ By his knowledge the seas were separated, and the clouds dropped their dew.</p> <p>²¹ My son, hold on to good sense and the understanding of what is right. Don't let them out of your sight.</p> <p>²² They will be life for you. They will be like a gracious necklace around your neck.</p> <p>²³ Then you will go on your way in safety. You will not trip and fall.</p> <p>²⁴ When you lie down, you won't be afraid. When you lie down, you will sleep soundly.</p> <p>²⁵ Don't be terrified by sudden trouble. Don't be afraid when sinners are destroyed.</p> <p>²⁶ The LORD is the one you will trust in. He will keep your feet from being caught in a trap.</p> <p>²⁷ Don't hold back good from those who are worthy of it. Don't hold it back when you can help.</p> <p>²⁸ Suppose you have something to give. Don't say to your neighbor, "Come back later. I'll give it to you tomorrow."</p> <p>²⁹ Don't plan to harm your neighbor. He lives near you and trusts you.</p> <p>³⁰ Don't bring charges against a man without any reason. He has not harmed you.</p> <p>³¹ Don't be jealous of a man who hurts others. Don't choose any of his ways.</p> <p>³² The LORD really hates sinful people. But he makes honest people his closest friends.</p> <p>³³ The LORD puts a curse on the houses of sinners. But he blesses the homes of those who do what is right.</p>
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<p>³⁴ Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.</p> <p>³⁵ The wise shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools. (Prov. 3:1-35 NKJ)</p>	<p>³⁴ He laughs at proud people who make fun of others.</p> <p>But he gives grace to those who are not proud.</p> <p>³⁵ Wise people receive honor. But the LORD puts foolish people to shame. (Prov. 3:1-35 NIRV)</p>
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