

C. Right Relationships - Proverbs 3

1. Relationship with God's Law

1 My son, forget(**be oblivious**) not my law; but let **thine heart keep(guard)** my commandments:

2 For **length of days**, and **long life**, and **peace**, shall they add to thee.

Ephesians 6:1-3

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 That it may be **well with thee**, and thou mayest **live long** on the earth.

3 Let not **mercy(kindness toward God)** and **truth(stability)** forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 So shalt thou find **favour(grace)** and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Genesis 6:8 But Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the LORD.

How? He did whatever God asked Him to do!

2. Relationship with God, Himself

5 **Trust** in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways **acknowledge him**, and he shall direct thy paths.

3. Relationship with God toward Myself

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

a. God's Provision multiplied

9 **Honour** the LORD **with thy substance**, and with the firstfruits of all **thine increase**:

10 So shall **thy barns** be filled with plenty, and **thy presses** shall burst out with new wine.

b. God's Protection exposed

11 My son, despise not the **chastening(discipline)** of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as **a father** the son *in whom* he delighteth(**pleased with**).

4. Relationship with Wisdom

a. Happiness

13 Happy *is* the man *that* **findeth wisdom**, and the man *that* getteth **understanding**.

14 For the **merchandise(profit)** of it *is* better than the merchandise of **silver**, and the **gain(income)** thereof than **fine gold**.

15 She *is* more **precious**(**valuable**) **than rubies**: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 **Length of days** *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand **riches and honour**.

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

18 She *is* a **tree of life** to them that lay hold upon her: and **happy** *is every one* that retaineth her.

b. What Constitutes **wisdom**

19 The LORD by wisdom hath **founded the earth**; by understanding hath he **established the heavens**.

20 By his **knowledge the depths** are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

c. Why Keep **Wisdom**

21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: **keep sound** wisdom and **discretion**(**a plan**):

1) **Life**

22 So shall they be **life** unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

2) **Safety**

23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way **safely**, and thy foot shall not stumble.

3) **Peace**

24 When thou liest down, thou shalt **not be afraid**: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy **sleep shall be sweet**.

25 **Be not afraid** of sudden fear, neither of **the desolation**(**a tempest; storm**) of the wicked, when it cometh.

26 For the LORD shall be thy **confidence**(**trust**), and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

5. Relationship with our **neighbor**

a. Recognize the **investment** of others (we are not our **own**)

27 Withhold not good from them **to whom it is due**, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.

I Corinthians 6:19-20

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own**?

20 For **ye are bought with a price**: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, **which are God's**.

b. **Value** your neighbor

1) **Generosity** toward your Neighbor

28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

2) No fighting with your neighbor

29 Devise not evil **against thy neighbour**, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

30 **Strive not** with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

6. Relationship with the scorner

31 Envy(**be jealous**) thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

32 For the froward(**perverse**) *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous.

33 The **curse of the LORD** *is* in the house of the wicked: but **he blesseth the habitation of the just.**

34 Surely he **scorneth**(**mocks**) the **scorners**(**mockers**): but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be **the promotion**(**exalting**) of fools.