

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.**