

Trusting God's Process

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Becoming Wise

PROVERBS 3:5-10 (NIV)

Book of Proverbs

King Solomon, son of David, king of Israel explains the purpose.

- The words wise and wisdom used 125x
- The Hebrew word for wise is *hakam*
 - People skillful in working with their hands such as builders of Solomon's Temple



True Wisdom

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1.7

- Reverence.
- Take God seriously.
- Wisdom and knowledge is rooted in God and his word.
- Cultivate a relationship with God.

What's the difference?

Wisdom

Intelligence



Proverbs 3.5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.

Trust in the Lord

- The Hebrew word for trust means to
- lie down on-to put your entire weight on something.
- lie helpless, facedown like one conquered
- Your/my human understanding is not sufficient.

All your heart

- Entirely, without exception.
- Ask yourself: Where do I turn *first* when I need help?

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In all your ways

- Anything having to do with your life.
- Please God in all things.
- Prayerfully consult God's word.

Submit to God

- Life is crooked. God makes sure we reach the right destination.
- Ask yourself: Am I wandering on a crooked path because of my unwillingness to submit to God?

Proverbs 3.7-8

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Fear the Lord

- God is Creator, Father, Master
- Respect, listen, and obey
- Ask yourself: In what ways am I relying on myself to make decisions?

Health and nourishment

- Obedience adds years to your life and life to your years. (W. Wiersbe)

Proverbs 3.9-10

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Honor the Lord

- First fruits.
- Wealth.
- Testimony: Please share your testimony on growing in your giving.

Abundance

- Barns
- New wine
- Ask yourself: Am I experiencing lack due to poor decision making?

Heart Check

Closing Prayer