

With the Word Bible Commentary

Proverbs 3

Your heart (1–8). What you do with your heart determines what you do with your life (Prov. 4:23). Cultivate an obedient heart (v. 1) that receives God’s Word (v. 3; 2 Cor. 3:1–3) and a trusting heart that obeys (vv. 5–6). Verse 5 does not suggest that you ignore your mind or common sense, but that you not lean only on them and reject God’s way.

Your possessions (9–20). Put God first in the way you use His wealth (Matt. 6:33) and major on the things that money cannot buy (vv. 13–18). When God corrects you, accept it as an evidence of His love (Heb. 12:5–6).

Your conduct (21–26). Let every part of your body be controlled by God’s wisdom (Rom. 12:1–2). Sleep is one of the tests of faith and true surrender to God (Ps. 4).

Your neighbors (27–35). If you want God’s blessing on your home, be a blessing to those around you. Share what you have and never plan evil against others (Rom. 12:9–21).

Personal Reflection:

Which Proverb from this chapter stood out to you the most?

Describe what this Proverb means to you?

How do you think God is seeking to have you apply this Proverb in your life?

35 The wise shall
inherit glory,
But shame shall be
the legacy of fools.

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- 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 *And* 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.

32 For the perverse
person is an
abomination to the
Lord,
But His secret counsel
is with the upright.

33 The curse of the
Lord *is* on the house
of the wicked,
But He blesses the
home of the just.

34 Surely He scorns
the scornful,
But gives grace to the
humble.

29 Do not devise evil
against your
neighbor,
For he dwells by you
for safety's sake.

30 Do not strive with a
man without cause,
If he has done you no
harm.

31 Do not envy the
oppressor,
And choose none of
his ways;

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.

- 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 *in whom* he
delights.
- 13 Happy *is* the man
who finds wisdom,
And the man *who*
gains understanding;

- 26 For the Lord will be
your confidence,
And will keep your foot
from being caught.
- 27 Do not withhold
good from those to
whom it is due,
When it is in the power
of your hand to do so.
- 28 Do not say to your
neighbor,
“Go, and come back,
And tomorrow I will
give *it*,”
When *you have* it with
you.

23 Then you will walk
safely in your way,
And your foot will not
stumble.

24 When you lie down,
you will not be
afraid;
Yes, you will lie down
and your sleep will
be sweet.

25 Do not be afraid of
sudden terror,
Nor of trouble from
the wicked when it
comes;

14 For her proceeds
are better than the
profits of silver,
And her gain than fine
gold.

15 She *is* more
precious than
rubies,
And all the things you
may desire cannot
compare with her.

16 Length of days *is* in
her right hand,
In her left hand riches
and honor.

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

18 She *is* a tree of life
to those who take
hold of her,
And happy *are all* who
retain her.

19 The Lord by wisdom
founded the earth;
By understanding He
established the
heavens;

20 By His knowledge
the depths were
broken up,
And clouds drop down
the dew.

21 My son, let them not
depart from your
eyes—
Keep sound wisdom
and discretion;

22 So they will be life to
your soul
And grace to your
neck.