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**Value Wisdom**  
**Proverbs 3**  
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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



**WHO IS WISE AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOU?  
LET THEM SHOW IT BY THEIR GOOD LIFE, BY DEEDS  
DONE IN THE HUMILITY THAT COMES FROM WISDOM.**

JAMES 3:13 NIV

This week we will continue in Proverbs looking at Chapter 3. Proverbs 3 continues to give us the value and importance of seeking the wisdom of God. We will see that we cannot stop seeking His wisdom but that we must put it into action in our lives. The great benefits that are talked about in this chapter do not come with just understanding but come by living out the Word of God. We must come to a place where we truly believe that wisdom from God is more precious than gold or silver and then allow that wisdom to transform us.

## Proverbs 3 (NASB)

### The Rewards of Wisdom

<sup>3</sup> My son, do not forget my teaching,  
But let your heart keep my commandments;  
<sup>2</sup> For length of days and years of life  
And peace they will add to you.  
<sup>3</sup> Do not let kindness and truth leave you;  
Bind them around your neck,  
Write them on the tablet of your heart.  
<sup>4</sup> So you will find favor and good repute  
In the sight of God and man.  
<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
And do not lean on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will make your paths straight.  
<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.  
<sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your body  
And refreshment to your bones.  
<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD from your wealth  
And from the first of all your produce;  
<sup>10</sup> So your barns will be filled with plenty  
And your vats will overflow with new wine.  
<sup>11</sup> My son, do not reject the discipline of  
the LORD  
Or loathe His reproof,  
<sup>12</sup> For whom the LORD loves He reproves,  
Even as a father *corrects* the son in whom he  
delights.  
<sup>13</sup> How blessed is the man who finds wisdom  
And the man who gains understanding.  
<sup>14</sup> For her profit is better than the profit of silver  
And her gain better than fine gold.  
<sup>15</sup> She is more precious than jewels;  
And nothing you desire compares with her.  
<sup>16</sup> Long life is in her right hand;  
In her left hand are riches and honor.

<sup>17</sup> Her ways are pleasant ways  
And all her paths are peace.  
<sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to those who take hold of  
her,  
And happy are all who hold her fast.  
<sup>19</sup> The LORD by wisdom founded the earth,  
By understanding He established the heavens.  
<sup>20</sup> By His knowledge the deeps were broken up  
And the skies drip with dew.  
<sup>21</sup> My son, let them not vanish from your sight;  
Keep sound wisdom and discretion,  
<sup>22</sup> So they will be life to your soul  
And adornment to your neck.  
<sup>23</sup> Then you will walk in your way securely  
And your foot will not stumble.  
<sup>24</sup> When you lie down, you will not be afraid;  
When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.  
<sup>25</sup> Do not be afraid of sudden fear  
Nor of the onslaught of the wicked when it  
comes;  
<sup>26</sup> For the LORD will be your confidence  
And will keep your foot from being caught.  
<sup>27</sup> Do not withhold good from those to whom it is  
due,  
When it is in your power to do *it*.  
<sup>28</sup> Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come  
back,  
And tomorrow I will give *it*,"  
When you have it with you.  
<sup>29</sup> Do not devise harm against your neighbor,  
While he lives securely beside you.  
<sup>30</sup> Do not contend with a man without cause,  
If he has done you no harm.  
<sup>31</sup> Do not envy a man of violence  
And do not choose any of his ways.  
<sup>32</sup> For the devious are an abomination to  
the LORD;  
But He is intimate with the upright.

<sup>33</sup> The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked,  
But He blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

<sup>34</sup> Though He scoffs at the scoffers,

Yet He gives grace to the afflicted.

<sup>35</sup> The wise will inherit honor,  
But fools display dishonor.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

**What does God MEAN?**

8. What rewards are listed in this passage for living out the Word of God?

9. What is the wisdom of God related to in this passage?

10. What examples of God's wisdom are in this passage?

11. Looking at verses 13-15 how can gaining wisdom be greater than gaining gold and silver?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

12. How can we gain the wisdom of God?

13. What should we expect from seeking the wisdom of God?

14. How do we live out the Wisdom of God and not allow ourselves to be drawn back into the wisdom of the world?

## **Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

## **SERMON NOTES**