

## Proverbs 3:1-26

### Wisdom Bestows Well-Being

**3** My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, **2** for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

**3** Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. **4** Then you will win favor and a good name 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 submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.<sup>[a]</sup>

**7** Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. **8** This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

**9** Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; **10** then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

**11** My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, **12** because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.<sup>[a]</sup>

**13** Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,

**14** for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. **15** She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. **16** Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. **17** Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. **18** She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

**19** By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place;

**20** by his knowledge the watery depths were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew.

**21** My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; **22** they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.

**23** Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. **24** When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

**25** Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, **26** for the LORD will be at your side and will keep your foot from being snared.

