

***GOD'S WISDOM FOR LIFE, PART 4:  
"TRUE WISDOM"***

**Proverbs 3:1-35**

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*True Wisdom is found, kept and lived out  
by trusting the Lord with all of our hearts.*

**I. Wisdom calls us to trust in the Lord with all of our hearts  
(1-12)**

- <sup>1</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> Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck;  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
<sup>4</sup> So you will find favor and good success  
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 straight your paths.  
<sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.  
<sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh  
and refreshment to your bones.

- <sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your wealth  
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;  
<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.  
<sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline  
or be weary of his reproof,  
<sup>12</sup> for the Lord reproves him whom he loves,  
as a father the son in whom he delights.

**II. Wisdom is to be treasured above all else (13-20)**

- <sup>13</sup> Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,  
and the one who gets understanding,  
<sup>14</sup> for the gain from her is better than gain from silver  
and her profit better than gold.  
<sup>15</sup> She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare 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 ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.  
<sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called blessed.  
  
<sup>19</sup> The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;  
by understanding he established the heavens;  
<sup>20</sup> by his knowledge the deeps broke open,  
and the clouds drop down the dew.

**III. Wisdom will bring about God's blessing instead of His judgment (21-35)**

- <sup>21</sup> My son, do not lose sight of these—  
keep sound wisdom and discretion,  
<sup>22</sup> and they will be life for your soul  
and adornment for your neck.  
<sup>23</sup> Then you will walk on your way securely,  
and your foot will not stumble.  
<sup>24</sup> If 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 terror  
or of the ruin 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 again,  
tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.  
<sup>29</sup> Do not plan evil against your neighbor,  
who dwells trustingly beside you.  
<sup>30</sup> Do not contend with a man for no reason,  
when 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 person is an abomination to the Lord,  
but the upright are in his confidence.  
<sup>33</sup> The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked,  
but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.  
<sup>34</sup> Toward the scorners he is scornful,  
but to the humble he gives favor.  
<sup>35</sup> The wise will inherit honor,  
but fools get disgrace.