

Proverbs "How Wisdom Helps Us" Proverbs 3:1-12

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All scripture comes from the New American Standard Bible (NASB) – 1995 version unless otherwise noted.

1) Obstacle: Don't forget God's teaching vs. 1-2

Action: Keep His commandments

Reward: A long & satisfying life

2) Obstacle: Don't let kindness & truth leave you vs. 3-4

Action: Bind them & write them on your <u>heart</u>

Reward: Find favor & high regard with God & others

3) Obstacle: Don't lean on your understanding vs. 5-6

Action: Acknowledge & trust Him

Reward: He will direct your paths

4) Obstacle: Don't be wise in your own eyes vs. 7-8

Action: Fear the Lord & turn away from evil

Reward: It will heal & strengthen you

5) Obstacle: Don't be stingy with your wealth vs. 9-10

Action: Honor the Lord with your <u>first</u> & best

Reward: You will be <u>filled</u> to <u>overflow</u>

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6) Obstacle: Don't reject God's discipline vs. 11-12

Action: Accept His discipline

Reward: He loves & delights in us

Our Response

- 1) Which of these obstacles to wisdom can you identify within your daily life & why?
- 2) What are some actions & changes you need to take in order to obey God's commands here? Why are they hard to do sometimes?
- 3) Is it wrong to obey with the expectation of the reward?
- 4) How you have seen these rewards fulfilled in your life or maybe someone else's life? Why does this matter?
- 5) Does Proverbs teach here that if we trust and obey the Lord that He will in return always give us health, wealth and happiness? How does this play out in the short term? How does it play out ultimately?

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