GREAT CHAPTERS IN THE O.T. PROVERBS 3

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God's Heart is moved by my need, but God's hand is moved by my seed... You see, the need reveals his tender care for me, but it is the seed that triggers the Supernatural and produces the harvest I need and not the need…

Seeds Attract Rain… Sow and Flourish!

Your Seed is more powerful than your Need… Sow it! 🌱

Let's begin with verses 11-12 And go backwards to fully understand the previous verses and their meaning…

Verse 11- My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: Verse 12- For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

First, let me clear something up just in case you're were taught wrong…

God doesn't chastise us and correct us through sickness and disease, or by making us poor… and He definitely doesn't chastise you by causing people to have a stroke so that you can slow down and finally listen to him… I'm so glad Jesus said, follow me and I'll MAKE YOU NOT BRAKE YOU!

Second… there is a big difference between criticism and correction…

Criticism for the most part is a dead end… for it offers no way out or solution… Correction on the other hand if it's coming from the right source is an IMPARTATION of Wisdom for you to succeed and do better the next time…

Verse 1. My son, (builder of the family name) forget not my law; (Here we see the importance of repetition, better yet meditation in the Word) but let thine heart keep or guard my commandments: Here's Why!

Verse 2. The Hebrew says… "For length of days and years of a life [worth living] and tranquility [inward and outward and continuing through old age till death], these shall they add to you." WOW!

Wisdom key… God doesn't decide how long you live…. wisdom does. (all things being equal)

Here are a few scriptures that confirm this…

1- Proverbs 9:11 For by me (wisdom) your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.

2- Psalms 91:16 ESV / With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

3- Proverbs 3:16 ESV / (Talking about Wisdom) Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

4- Exodus 20:12 ESV / "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

5- Proverbs 10:27 ESV / The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.

6- I Kings 3:14 ESV / And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

7- I Peter 3:10 ESV / For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;

8- Proverbs 4:10 ESV / Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.

9- John 10:10 ESV / The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Verse 3. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee] "or Don't lose your grip on them… why? because Mercy is the hand that holds back the wrath of judgment…

Few things about Mercy… Understanding mercy is understanding the heart of God

Jesus said, Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy…

Mercy is what changes our attitude and actions, for it helps us to look at people differently…

I have discovered that when We look at people with eyes of mercy, suddenly, we see more in them.

I'm so glad God had Mercy on me… how about you? because before I was saved, no one saw any good in me, But God! Song!

Second/ How do I keep the truth from forsaking me? [by walking in the light of the Word I have received, cause once truth forsakes you… you are easy prey for deception…

Verse 4 Write them upon the tables of your heart… How? My tongue is the pen of a ready writer… Let your words drip with mercy and truth… "So shalt thou find favour and good Success In the sight of God and man. WOW!

Verse 5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths.

TRUST CHANGES EVERYTHING!

1- TRUST TAKES TIME Ruth 2:12 The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

2- Trust is the Bridge that unites people… 🌉

3- When the Bridge of Trust is down there is a disconnect… this is why Trust is so important. Without it there is no heart Intimacy… every relationship is distant… at arms length…

4- Trust is not just earned, it is Given… and when it is Given, it is the highest Honor you can ever bestow on another…

5- I know many people who love their husband/wife but don't trust them…

6- I know many people who Love God but don't Trust Him…

(2 Kings 18:21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust in him.)

Today, I'm here to encourage you to Refocus and put your Trust back in God… for He is Faithful who has promised and Will also bring it to pass… I know that the journey can become difficult at times… trust me I've been there, but listen to Jobs cry in the midst of all hell breaking loose in his life… Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him…

Then we have John the Baptist who was Jesus forerunner, who when in the height of his ministry said, Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world… but later on when he got thrown in prison, his faith was shaken and he questioned whether Jesus was the one…

How about Abraham, whose faith was tested to the breaking point and he found himself in a tent full of unbelief complaining to God about the unfulfilled promise God had given him… Expound!

King David…

Today, I hear the Holy Ghost saying… Get out of that tent of Unbelief and Look Up… your breakthrough is closer than it's ever been…

Now is the time… let your Trust in God who will not fail you, be Renewed and receive times of refreshing from my Presence… lift your hands and receive in Jesus Name…

Verses 7-8 Be not wise in thine own eyes: Fear the LORD, and depart from evil. (To hate the very thought that displeases God) listen, I'm not talking about being perfect but staying pliable in the hands of God… and asking Him for Grace for the day to see you through…

The promise/ It shall be health to thy navel, And marrow to thy bones." Listen to me my friend, Health is Wealth…

Verses 9-10 "Honour the LORD with thy substance, And with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, And thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

1- God taught the principle of the Tithe to Adam back in the Garden… 2- Abraham Tithed… 3- Issac sowed in his famine 4- Jacob Tithed 5- God taught the the principle of the Tithe in battle… He said the spoils of every First Battle belongs to the Lord… **6- Jesus confirmed the importance of the tithe**…

7- Jesus now receives Tithes in Heaven… Hebrews 7:8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.