



Proverbs 3 | Trusting God With All My Heart 01.19.20

Colossians 2:3 | *In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*
Matthew 12:42 | *...and indeed a greater than Solomon is here. (Jesus Christ)*

Solomon, the son of David and third king of Israel, wrote 3000 Proverbs, and we have less than 1/3 of these proverbs in our Bible. Solomon is the author of most, but not all of the 31 chapters that make up Proverbs. I encourage all of us to read the Proverbs of the Day. Most months have 31 days in them; today is January 19th, so you would read chapter 19 and pick out one or two passages to meditate on for that day! By committing to this plan in one year, you would have read Proverbs 12 times.

Four truths about wisdom in Proverbs 1:

1. Wisdom is available for every believer.
2. Wisdom can be rejected.
3. Rejecting wisdom will result in severe and bitter consequences.
4. Embracing wisdom brings blessings and benefits that money can't buy.

Because of the fall of mankind, relationships bring with them challenges. At times, these challenges turn into conflict. If the conflict goes unresolved, the result will be devastating consequences.

Wisdom is to see life from God's perspective.

Wisdom is an understanding that God has something to say to me.

Wisdom is to trust God regardless of our heartaches and difficulties.

Wisdom knows that being exposed to Bible teaching doesn't guarantee spiritual maturity.

Matthew 7:24-27 *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."*

Fear of the Lord is to understand that God knows everything about me, and one day I will an account to Him and this knowledge motivates me to live in a way that honors Him.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." ²⁰Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²²For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks*

foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

The Bible use of the word “knowledge” is *not* referring to obtaining information, but the application of such information on how it relates to our walk with GOD.

Proverbs 3:5- 8 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. ⁸ It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

To trust in my Lord with all my heart is to place complete and unwavering confidence in Him regardless of the circumstances. It embraces the belief that God is working all things for my good according to His promise in **Romans 8:28-29**.

Wisdom teaches us that a long and healthy life is qualified by the fact that persecution, disease, injuries, and other acts in God’s plan will cut short the lives of some of His children. However, in following God, our life is fulfilled regardless of how short it may be on this side of Heaven.

What to do - Trust in the LORD with all your heart.

What not to do - Don’t lean on human reasoning; don’t embrace everything you see.

How do I trust in the LORD? By asking yourself the right questions. Ask questions that address my relationship with Christ, questions with an eternal perspective.

What promise comes with this? God will give you direction and inner peace that is priceless. Worry, fear, anxiety, envy, bitterness, and jealousy have a spiritual connection that affects our emotional and physical health.

Because of the fall of mankind our thoughts and emotions are *not* trustworthy.

Isaiah 1:4, 18-19 Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward. ***“Come now, and let us reason together,”*** Says the LORD, *“Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. ¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; ²⁰ But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword”; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.*

Matthew 26:36-39 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” ³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. ³⁸ Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” ³⁹ He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; **nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.**”

What Solomon continues to tell us in chapter 3...

1. A grateful heart has a generous hand (v 9-10).
2. God is for our happiness, and it’s found in wisdom, not sin (v13-30).
3. Don’t envy sinners (v31-35). Those who ignore God should be pitied and prayed for, not envied.