

March 23, 2016
“Benefits of Wisdom”
Proverbs 1:33-3:8

- I. Encouragement for Wisdom (1:33 – 2:4)
 - A. Listen *“But whoever listens to me will live securely and be free from the fear of danger”* (33)
 - B. Receive *“If you accept my words”* (2:1)
 - C. Treasure *“store up my commands”* (2:1)
 - D. Apply *“directing your heart to understanding”*
 - E. Seek *“If you call out to insight...lift your voice to understanding...seek it like silver...search for it like hidden treasures”* (2:3-4)

- II. Encounter Security and Protection (2:7-8, 20-22)
 - A. Wisdom’s Compensation *“He stores up success for the upright; He is a shield for those who live with integrity so that He may guard the paths of justice and protect the way of His loyal followers.”* (7-8)
 - 1. Success (7a)
 - 2. Shelter (7b) God’s protection shields us from undesirable things.
 - 3. Security *“guard...protect”* (8) What a wonderful promise to us! God alone provides true significance and security.
 - B. Wisdom’s Comfort *“So follow the way of good people, and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will inhabit the land, and those of integrity will remain in it, but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous uprooted from it.”* (20-22)

- III. Experience Discernment and Guidance (2:5-6, 9-19; 3:5-6)
 - A. Wisdom’s Counsel *“Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”* (5-6)
 - B. Wisdom’s Custody *“It will rescue you from a forbidden woman, from a stranger with her flattering talk.”* (2:16)
 - 1. ... *“the way of evil”* (12)
 - 2. ... *“the one who says perverse things”* (12b)
 - 3. ... *“those who abandon the right paths”* (13)
 - 4. ... *“who enjoy doing evil”* (14) cf. vs. 22.
 - 5. ... *“from the forbidden woman”* (16, cf. 17-19)

C. Wisdom's Compass *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths."* (3:5-6)

IV. Enjoy Wholeness and Well Being (3:1-2, 7-8)

A. Blessings *"My son, don't forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commands; for they will bring you many days, a full life and well-being."* (1-2)

B. Brokenness *"Don't consider yourself to be wise; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. This will be healing for your body and strengthening for your bones."* (7-8)

V. Embrace Right Relationships (3-4)

"Never let loyalty and faithfulness leave you. Tie them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart then you will find favor and high regard in the sight of God and man." (3-4)

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