



Proverbs 3:1-8 The Rewards of Wise Living

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Assignment: Proverbs 3:1-8

1. What does Solomon mean by “heart”?
2. Why is the believer to always be devoted to “grace and truth” (vs. 3)?
3. What does it mean to be “wise in your own eyes?” (vs. 7)
4. Differentiate between the understanding of mankind and trusting in the Lord. (vs. 5)

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Wisdom Leads to Peace

Proverbs 3:1-2

My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments;
2 For length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

Peace = shalom (with God/man)

“wellbeing in its most comprehensive sense”

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Length of Days in the O.T.

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

Psalm 23:6

Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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The Need for Grace and Truth

Proverbs 3:3-4

Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 So you will find favor and good repute In the sight of God and man.

Kindness = *chesed*

Truth = *emeth*

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Nabal vs. Abigail

1 Samuel 25:3

(now the man’s name was Nabal, and his wife’s name was Abigail. And the woman was intelligent and beautiful in appearance, but the man was harsh and evil in his dealings, and he was a Calebite),

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Trust in God, not Self

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

1 Corinthians 1:21

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

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Fear God

Proverbs 3:7-8

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body And refreshment to your bones.

Matthew 10:28

Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

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