

“DO YOU DESIRE THE LORD’S WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING?”

(Proverbs 3:13-26)

I. The True Inner Wisdom that Comes from Knowing God Personally

A. True Wealth that Comes from Wisdom (3:13-18)

1. _____ wisdom and _____ understanding would be a great blessing to any son or daughter’s life. (v. 13)

2. Metaphorically Solomon is suggesting that if his son had the silver or gold, he should quickly _____ it for _____ which is of much greater _____. (vv. 14-15)

3. In verses 16 through 18 “*wisdom*” is personified as a woman...
 - a. Wisdom and understanding gives generously with both hands with a _____ and _____. (v. 16)

 - b. Besides being granted a long life, living wisely also provides a certain _____ of life, one of _____ and _____. (v. 17)

 - c. The imagery of “*tree of life*” conveys the thought of the present life and all of its _____ and _____; i.e., we might say, living the superabundant _____ life. (v. 18)

B. Harmony with God’s Creation (3:19-20)

1. To illustrate the importance of walking in wisdom, Solomon shows that even _____ in wisdom. (v. 19)

2. By His divine wisdom and understanding, He wisely _____ the earth with water -both from _____ (springs, rivers, lakes), and from _____ (rain, snow, hail, dew). (v. 20)

C. The Father's Providential Care (3:21-26)

1. This phrase "*My son, let them not depart from your eyes*" speaks of _____; it is a habitual _____ of "*sound wisdom and discretion*". (v. 21)
2. The union of these two terms "*soul*" and "*neck*" brings out the effect of wisdom upon the whole man; it affects him both _____ and _____. (v. 22)
3. The word picture of the "*foot will not stumble*" most likely refers to some _____ mishap, rather than a _____ blowout; but God's _____ covers them both. (v. 23)
4. This _____ of godly wisdom even extends to one's hours of _____, when we lie down to sleep, it will be _____. (v. 24)
5. "*Do not be afraid of sudden terror*" speaks of the _____ that are unexpectedly dropped in your lap; but also, the problems that comes about by the _____ of the wicked. (v. 25)
6. The possessor of godly wisdom and spiritual understanding can have _____ in the _____, while living through the innumerable _____ presented in life (both good and bad). (v. 26)

* What can you personally apply from this passage?