

“Wisdom Will Give You an Abundant and Eternal Life”, Proverbs 3:13–18
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Central Truth: A blessed life is not measured by what we possess, but by our willingness to know God, trust His wisdom, and faithfully apply His Word.

I. Wisdom Is More Valuable Than Wealth (vv. 13–15)

What wisdom is worth.

A. The blessing of wisdom and understanding (v. 13)

- To be blessed is to live according to God's plan and purpose.
- Wisdom is the skill of living rightly according to God's will.
- Understanding is the ability to reason rightly and see life from God's perspective.

B. The incomparable value of wisdom (vv. 14–15)

- Wisdom is more profitable than silver, gold, or jewels.
- Wealth can be lost, but godly wisdom continues to produce lasting benefits.
- Wisdom enriches our character, relationships, and quality of life.

Key thought: Money can buy a house, but wisdom and understanding can make it a home.

II. Wisdom Produces a Life of Blessing (vv. 16–17)

What wisdom provides.

A. Long life, riches, and honor (v. 16)

- Wisdom encourages decisions that lead to a fuller, richer life.
- Godly character gives weight and credibility to our words.
- True riches extend beyond material possessions.

B. Pleasantness and peace (v. 17)

- Wisdom produces kindness, patience, gentleness, and self-control.
- Wise people pursue reconciliation rather than division.
- The gospel transforms our lives and gives credibility to our testimony.

Key thought: A life transformed by Christ gives weight to the message of Christ.

III. Wisdom Must Be Embraced and Held Fast (v. 18)

What wisdom requires.

A. The source of wisdom is God's Word.

- Psalm 1:1–3 — Delight in and meditate on God's Word.

- Psalm 119:92 — God's Word sustains us in affliction.
- Joshua 1:8 — Meditate on Scripture and carefully obey it.

B. Wisdom requires faithful application.

- Know what God's Word says.
- Understand how it applies to your circumstances.
- Faithfully put God's instructions into practice.

C. Hold fast to wisdom.

- Do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way, with the right people, for the right reason.
- A life rooted in God's Word bears fruit in its season.

Personal Application:

Where in my life do I need to stop leaning on my own understanding and begin faithfully applying God's wisdom?

The blessed life is a life rooted in God's Word, transformed by the gospel, and characterized by wisdom, understanding, and peace.