

“The Value of Wisdom”, Proverbs 3:19-26
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Big Idea: Because God possesses perfect wisdom, we can trust Him, live with purpose, walk securely, and use our lives to bless others.

I. TRUST THE WISDOM OF THE CREATOR — vv. 19–20

“The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens.”

Why should we trust the Lord rather than our own understanding? Because God’s understanding is infinitely greater than ours.

Job wanted God to explain WHY.

God reminded Job WHO He is. — *Job 38–40*

Creation points us to:

- The intelligence of God
- The greatness of God
- The power of God
- The sovereignty of God
- The wisdom of God

The God who controls creation is also in control of your life.

He knows you. He loves you. He has a plan and purpose for you.

Key Principle: *Faith is not believing that everything happening to me makes sense. Faith is trusting that everything makes sense to God.*

II. REST IN THE SECURITY OF THE LORD — vv. 21–26

“Keep sound wisdom and discretion.”

A. Sound Wisdom — Make the Right Choice

When several choices are available, choose the one that is clearest in obedience to God.

Sound wisdom asks: What is right? What is excellent? What glorifies God most?

B. Discretion — Devise a Godly Plan

Discretion is the ability to carefully devise a course of action and exercise sound judgment in moving toward it.

Have a purpose.

Have a vision.

Know who you are.
Know where you are going.

God has a plan, and as His image-bearers, we should live intentionally too.

C. Walk Securely — vv. 22–23

Wisdom and discretion become:

“Life for your soul” — who you are inside. “An adornment for your neck” — the character others see.

Biblical walking means purposefully placing your feet in the direction you are looking.

God may change your plans, but your character does not have to be compromised.

D. Rest Without Fear — vv. 24–26

When you live with wisdom and discretion:

- Your conscience can be clear.
- You don't have to fear being exposed.
- You can rest because your confidence is in the Lord.
- You can recognize God's “way of escape” from temptation. — *1 Corinthians 10:13*

Wisdom helps us recognize the way of escape before temptation becomes our downfall.

The result is security: *“The LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.”*

III. DEMONSTRATE WISDOM THROUGH DOING GOOD — v. 27

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.”

Remember those who encouraged you, helped you, and believed in you.

Now become that person for someone else.

When it is within your power: Bless them. Encourage them. Help them. Cheer them on.

Life is hard enough. There are plenty of people willing to point out our failures. Be the person who helps someone keep walking toward the Lord. Pasted text