

PROVERBS 3.1-35

Trust in the LORD with All Your Heart

³ 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.

³ Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴ So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

⁸ It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

¹¹ My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,

¹² for the LORD reproves him whom he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

Blessed Is the One Who Finds Wisdom

¹³ Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,
and the one who gets understanding,

¹⁴ for the gain from her is better than gain from silver
and her profit better than gold.

¹⁵ She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.

¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.

¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.

¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called blessed.

¹⁹ The LORD by wisdom founded the earth;
by understanding he established the heavens;
²⁰ by his knowledge the deeps broke open,
and the clouds drop down the dew.

²¹ My son, do not lose sight of these—
keep sound wisdom and discretion,
²² and they will be life for your soul
and adornment for your neck.

²³ Then you will walk on your way securely,
and your foot will not stumble.

²⁴ If you lie down, you will not be afraid;
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

²⁵ Do not be afraid of sudden terror
or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes,

²⁶ for the LORD will be your confidence
and will keep your foot from being caught.

²⁷ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to do it.

²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again,
tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.

²⁹ Do not plan evil against your neighbor,
who dwells trustingly beside you.

³⁰ Do not contend with a man for no reason,
when he has done you no harm.

³¹ Do not envy a man of violence
and do not choose any of his ways,

³² for the devious person is an abomination to the LORD,
but the upright are in his confidence.

³³ The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked,
but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

³⁴ Toward the scorners he is scornful,
but to the humble he gives favor.

³⁵ The wise will inherit honor,
but fools get disgrace.