

**"Wisdom For 2019"**  
**Proverbs 3:1-35**

**Proverbs 3:1-6; Romans 12:2**

**Psalms** (The Devotional life) – Describe: A Walk Before God!

**Proverbs** (The Daily life) – Describe: A Walk Before Man!

**Our English word – "Proverb"** is made up of two Latin words: "**Pro**" – "instead of" and "**Verba**" – "words". A proverb is a sentence that is given "instead of many words"; "A short statement based on long experience."

**The Author** – Solomon and a few others – Proverbs 1:1; 10:1; 25:1.

**1 Kings 4:32** – "He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005"

**Only 800** of Solomon's **3000** are included in **Proverbs**. No one better suited than Solomon, in that he asked for wisdom and God granted it to him.

**When Written** – Written by **931 B.C.**

**Proverbs Notes 3 Classes Of People Who Desperately Need God's Wisdom:**

- 1. The Fool** – Person who is dense, sluggish, careless, and self-satisfied.
- 2. The Simple** – Believe everything and everybody, and lack discernment.
- 3. The Scorners** – literally means, "to make a mouth" – Mock God's wisdom because it is too high for them.

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** "Knowing God's Will Comes Through Knowing God's Word, Which Should Produce Obedience And God's Blessings."

**9 Nuggets Of Wisdom For 2019:**

- 1. Verses 1-4 – Be A Disciple Of God's Truth:** Proverbs 3:1 – "My son, do not forget my teaching," – The will of God is revealed in the Word of God! Psalm 119:105; "Disciple" – "follower of the teacher and his teaching."

"But let your heart keep my commandments;" – To Study The Word must include Obedience to what God's Word says.

Proverbs 3:2-3

“Do not let kindness and truth leave you;” – (NIV, “love and faithfulness”) – must let the Holy Spirit write it on our hearts.

“kindness” – (Love) – root word “to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior; to be merciful, to have pity upon;” We could say “Love in action”; “grace in action” – it is the act of kindness toward your enemies.

God demonstrates kindness towards sinners – Titus 3:4-5.

“truth” – (Faithfulness) – root; “to build up or support, to be firm or to be permanent in assurance, long continuance, steadfast, sure” – Basically Truth In Action, Being Faithful To The Truth, Continuing In The Right Thing.

The will of God is revealed in the Word of God – Colossians 1:9-10.

1 Corinthians 4:2

Proverbs 3:4

## **2. Verses 5-8 – Seek To Obey God’s Will:**

Proverbs 3:5-6 – A great promise God’s people have claimed – Our obedience prepares us to receive and enjoy what He has planned for us.

“Trust” – “firm belief in or confidence in, faith in or reliance on the person or thing trusted.”

Philippians 4:6-9

“And do not lean on your own understanding.” – “The Just Shall Live By Faith Not By Explanations.”

Proverbs 3:6 – “acknowledge”– “to admit to be true; confess to recognize the authority or claims, to affirm as genuine.”

“In all your ways acknowledge Him,” – We are to live out our belief.

God is ever watching; He is ever mindful of all that is taking place. We need to look for Him.

“And He will make your paths straight.” – (NKJV) “He shall direct your paths.”

Proverbs 3:7 – “Do not be wise in your own eyes;” – We would say, “Don’t be a know-it-all; don’t take yourself too seriously” – Ecclesiastes 5:2.

“Fear” – “reverence, to be frightened, to dread” – “the LORD” – Hebrews 10:31.

“and turn away from evil.” – It is evil to exalt oneself, and it is one’s opinions that gets one into trouble – Proverbs 14:12.

Proverbs 3:8 – Obedience to the Word can add years to your life and life to your years.

**3. Verses 9-10 – Share God’s Blessings:** Proverbs 3:9 – We are simply stewards (managers) of God.

2,350 passages in the Bible dealing with money and materials.

“from the first of all your produce;” – The Old Testament Jews brought the Lord the firstlings of their flocks, Exodus 13:1-2, and the first fruits of their fields, Leviticus 23:9-14 – Matthew 6:33.

If we don’t faithfully give to the Lord, we don’t really trust the Lord.

Tithing – the giving of 10% to the Lord – It was commanded of Israel.

We are stewards of God; all belongs to Him: We are managers.

Proverbs 3:10; Malachi 3:10 – only place in Scripture God says, “test Me”!

**4. Verses 11-12 – Don’t Despise God’s Discipline:** Proverbs 3:11 – “discipline” – “training, instruction” – “do not reject the discipline of the LORD” – We are not to “despise, turn away from, refuse God’s training/discipline.”

“Or loathe His reproof,” – “to be detested by, to be grieved. Idea of literally cutting one’s self off, like to amputate.”

Every Child Of God Will Experience Discipline In 2019.

Proverbs 3:12; Hebrews 12:4-13

**5. Verses 13-24 – Seek God’s Wisdom:** Proverbs 3:13

Verses 13-20 – Characteristics Of Wisdom – Knowledge: knowledge, learning, information, intelligence, data, facts, intellect, and experience.

Proverbs 3:14-20

31 chapters in Proverbs – We could commit to reading a chapter a day for the next year.

Verses 21-24 – Characteristics Of Wisdom – Know-How: Perception, discernment, judgment, reason, insight, prudence, discretion, and just plain old common sense – Proverbs 3:21-24

**6. Verses 25-26 – Don’t Allow Anxiety To Grip You:** Proverbs 3:25 – “Do not be afraid of sudden fear” – Do not be gripped by fear!

“Nor of the onslaught of the wicked when it comes;” – Not to be controlled by a possible rush over assault of the wicked – Philippians 4:6-9.

2 Timothy 3:13

Proverbs 3:26 – God’s Word, obedience to His Word, walking in His wisdom, fearing God brings great security. Fear God – won’t fear man! – Matthew 6:33-34.

**7. Verses 27-28 – Don’t Delay Doing The Right Thing:** Proverbs 3:27 – What is God saying to us?

Proverbs 3:28 – Don’t postpone; don’t put off doing the right thing.

**8. Verses 29-30 – Don’t Become Bitter And Nasty:**

Proverbs 3:29-30

Bitterness, resentment, being nasty – If others have done you harm, clear it up!

Ephesians 4:31-32

**9. Verses 31-32 – Don't Imitate The Wicked:** Proverbs 3:31

Society – The bad are good and the good bad.

Proverbs 3:32

Verses 33-35 – Additional Promises If We Keep The Above  
Commands – Proverbs 3:33-35.

**Application: "How To Prepare For 2019"**

**Make The Church Calendar Your Calendar!** – Word, Prayer, Fellowship, Service, and Witness Matters!

**Get A Good Night's Rest** – Learn to say no to commitments that will keep you from being at your best for worship.

**Prepare For Sunday, Wednesdays** – meals, clothes, children.

**Give Full Attention When Attending The Services** – listen for His Message to you. Don't get sidetracked on the messenger.

**Application** – Not how I feel but how I act that really matters.

**Those Attending 6 Months Or Longer Are Privileged To Serve** – Knowing always involves practice. Knowing is Growing!

**Pray For The Pastors and their Wives, Staff, Leadership, Services, Ministries, Preparation time for study and Delivery of the Word.**

**Pray for Debbie's remission of her cancer.**

**Pray for the protection of God** – Leadership is always under attack.