

**“Wisdom For A New Year”**  
**Proverbs 3:1-35**  
**New Year’s Message: Sunday Morning, December 30, 2012**

**Proverbs 3:1-6**

**Psalms** – Been Described As – A Walk Before God! (The Devotional life)

**Proverbs** – Been Described As – A Walk Before Man! (The Daily life)

**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 Prov. 1:1

**1 Kings 4:32**

**Only 800 of Solomon’s 3000 are included in Proverbs.**

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

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

1. **The Fool** – The person who is dense, sluggish, careless, and self-satisfied.
2. **The Simple** – Those who believe everything and everybody, and lack discernment.
3. **The Scorer** – They mock at God’s wisdom because it is too high for them; “scorer” literally means “to make a mouth”

**Proverbs 3:1**

**Psalms 119:105**

**1 Thessalonians 2:13**

**Proverbs 3:2**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** “To Know God’s Will Is To Know God’s Word, Thus Leading To A Life Of Obedience And Blessing”

## **10 Principles To Live By For 2013:**

### **1. Verses 3-4 – “Let Kindness And Faithfulness Never Leave You”:** Proverbs 3:3

“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”)

Titus 3:4-5

“Truth” – (Faithfulness) root; “to build up or support, to be firm or faithful, to be permanent in assurance, long continuance, steadfast, sure, verified, showing a strong sense of duty or responsibility, reliable, stability, trustworthiness”

Gal 5:22

1 Corinthians 4:2

2 Timothy 2:2

Proverbs 3:4

### **2. Verses 5-6 – “Trust In The Lord With All Of Your Heart”:**

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

James 1:5-8

Philippians 4:6-9

Proverbs 3:6

“Acknowledge”: “to admit to be true or as stated; confess to recognize the authority or claims, to recognize and affirm as genuine”

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

### **3. Verses 7-8 – “Do Not Be Wise In Your Own Eyes”:** 7 “Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.”

“Do not be wise in your own eyes;” – “Don’t be a know-it-all, don’t take yourself too seriously”

Ecclesiastes 5:2

“Fear” – “reverence, to be frightened, to dread”

Hebrews 10:31

Proverbs 14:12

Proverbs 3:8

#### 4. Verses 9-10 – Honor The Lord With Your Wealth:

“Honor the LORD from your wealth,” – We are simply Stewards (Managers) of God.

The expression “Money Talks” is really true. Money speaks volumes about our priorities, about who truly masters who.

There are at least 2,350 passages in the Bible dealing with money and material possessions. That’s more than on any other subject.

Matthew 6:33

Proverbs 3:10

Mal 3:10

#### 5. Verses 11-12 – “Do Not Reject The Lord’s Discipline”: Proverbs 3:11

“discipline” – “training, instruction”

“Or loathe His reproof,” – “to be disgusted by, to be grieved; idea of literally cutting one’s self off, to amputate”

Proverbs 3:12

Hebrews 12:4-13

#### 6. Verses 13-24 – Search Diligently For Wisdom And Find It:

Verses 13-20 – Characteristics Of Wisdom – Information

Verses 21-24 – Characteristics Of Wisdom – Know-How

7. Verses 25-26 – Don't Be Gripped By Fear: 25 "Do not be afraid of sudden fear, Nor of the onslaught of the wicked when it comes;"

"Do not be afraid of sudden fear," – Do not be gripped by fear!

Phil 4:6-9

2 Timothy 3:13

Proverbs 3:26

Matthew 6:33-34

8. Verses 27-28 – Don't Withhold Good From The Deserving:

Don't postpone, don't put off doing the right thing.

9. Verses 29-30 – Do Not Plot Harm Against Your Neighbor:

Ephesians 4:31-32

10. Verses 31-32 – Do Not Envy Nor Imitate A Violent Man:

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

**Application:**

1. Make Corporate Worship A Priority.
2. Give Full Attention When In A Service.
3. Application
4. Those Attending 6 Months Or Longer Have the Privilege of Serving.
5. Be Committed To Growth In 2013.
6. Pray For The Pastors and Wives, Staff, Leadership, Services, Ministries, Preparation time for study, Delivery of the Word.