

## **Proverbs Series**

Wisdom: To Miss It You Have To Close Your Eyes! #5

Wisdom Enriches Your Life In Every Way! - Proverbs 3:1-12

### **I. Your Life Is Built On The Fact Of Chapter 2**

- A.** Quality of life VS 2
- B.** Good reputation with God and others VS 4
- C.** Direction VS 6
- D.** Health and vibrancy VS 8
- E.** Prosperity VS 10
- F.** God's love VS 12

### **II. The Plan: Our Text VS 1-12**

- A.** Do not forget
  - Teaching
  - But keep my commandments
  - From heart
- B.** Be loyal and faithful
  - Priority
  - Consistently – part of your lifestyle
- C.** Trust the Lord with all your heart (pillar, post)
  - Not yourself
  - Not your wisdom
  - Stay on the right path
- D.** Honor the Lord, the first fruits
  - Dependence
  - Freedom from market pressure
- E.** God is involved in all the conditions and circumstances of life
  - He uses them to shape you
  - Because He loves you

### **III. Thoughts**

- A.** Everyone establishes a set of values that direct their lives for the long-term. Somewhere we have to be instructed as to which values when followed will enrich our lives. It's too important an issue to be left to chance.
  - This is one of the major responsibilities parents have toward their children
  - Where will they develop these values?

- Home, church, school, playgrounds, the street, experience?
  - Proverbs' answer is the wisdom that comes from God and it's re-enforced over and over again
  - By the home and teaching from childhood to adulthood
- B.** Notice the depth of commitment to wisdom's teaching
    - Don't forget, all your heart, bind around neck, write on heart, in all your ways, honor, don't despise
    - It becomes a way of life
    - Not just an idea
- C.** Living with wisdom's values have a long-term effect on the quality of life -
    - It's not – "try it you'll like it"
    - But pursue this your whole life long
    - Wisdom isn't a fad that fades
    - It's not conventional wisdom that changes
    - It's not the 30-day diet or whatever
    - But a style of life that you follow and is seen by others who know you well as the consistent characteristics of your life.
- D.** The benefits become the characteristics that mark you
    - Matthew 5:14-16  
"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
    - Without trying your life is transformed by "the renewing of your mind"
    - God's life starts to be produced in you
- E.** Let these values be yours, teach them consistently to your children and the benefits will last your whole life long