Wisdom Series Part 3

Proverbs 3 NIV

13
Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,
14
for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.
15
She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with her.

Proverbs 8 ESV

22
The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.
23
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
24
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
25
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
26
before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.
27
When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
28
when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,
29
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
30
then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
31
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.

32
“And now, O sons, listen to me:
blessed are those who keep my ways.
33
Hear instruction and be wise,
and do not neglect it.
34
Blessed is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.
35
For whoever finds me finds life
and obtains favor from the Lord,
36
but he who fails to find me injures himself;
all who hate me love death.

He was the engineer of the universe.

#1 What value does God place on Wisdom?

Proverbs 3 ESV

14 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.

#2 Why is Wisdom the most valuable possession on earth?

A. If we listen to wisdom, the return she yields is greater than riches.

Proverbs 4:5-9 esv
5
Get wisdom; get insight;
do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.
6
Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;
love her, and she will guard you.

WISDOM WILL DEFEND US.
7
The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever you get, get insight.
8
Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;
she will honor you if you embrace her.

WISDOM WILL ELEVATE US TO A PLACE OF HONOR.

9
She will place on your head a graceful garland;
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”

WISDOM WILL PROMOTE US TO HIGH PLACES!

10
Hear, my son, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.

WISDOM CAN ADD YEARS TO OUR LIFE!

11
I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

12
When you walk, your step will not be hampered,
and if you run, you will not stumble.

WISDOM KEEPS US FROM THE ENEMIES TRAPS.

13
Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.

OUR LIFE WILL GO ACCORDING TO THE WAY WE HOLD ONTO INSTRUCTION.

<u>B. If we refuse to listen, the devastation is incalculable.</u>

Proverbs 1:24-33 ESV

24
Because I have called and you refused to listen,
  have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,
25
because you have ignored all my counsel
  and would have none of my reproof,

26
I also will laugh at your calamity;
  I will mock when terror strikes you,
27
when terror strikes you like a storm
  and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
  when distress and anguish come upon you.
28
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
  they will seek me diligently but will not find me.
29
Because they hated knowledge
  and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
30
would have none of my counsel
  and despised all my reproof,
31
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,
  and have their fill of their own devices.

32
For the simple are killed by their turning away,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
33
but whoever listens to me will dwell secure
and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.

WE CAN ASK FOR FORGIVENESS BUT NOT ALWAYS FOR MERCY

MERCY IS <u>NOT GETTING</u> WHAT WE DESERVE.

Hebrews 12 MEV

5 My son, do not despise the discipline from the Lord,
nor grow weary when you are rebuked by Him;
6
for whom the Lord loves He disciplines,
and scourges every son whom He receives.
7 Endure discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons.
For what son is there whom a father does not discipline?

BECAUSE WE DO NOT <u>KNOW</u> GODS WAYS OR BECAUSE WE DO NOT <u>CHOOSE</u> GODS WAYS.

Matt 7 ESV

24 Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and

the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”