

Sermon Discussion Guide

Proverbs 3:1–12 – “*The Covenant-Keeping Wisdom of God*”

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Opening Prayer

Thank the Lord for His mercy and the wisdom. Praise Him that Jesus perfectly trusted, obeyed, and surrendered where we often fail—and that by faith, His record is ours. Ask the Spirit to help us walk in humility, respond to discipline with faith, and grow in joyful obedience as sons and daughters.

Recap

Proverbs 3:1–12 is a beloved and often-quoted passage—but its true power lies in seeing it as a covenantal call to wisdom rooted in God’s grace. Solomon exhorts his son to remember the Lord, trust Him fully, and turn from evil—not to earn blessing, but because of who God is and what He has promised. These verses are not a prosperity formula, but a pattern of covenant life shaped by trust, obedience, and hope—even in discipline. Ultimately, Jesus is the Son who fulfills Proverbs 3 perfectly, and in Him, we inherit all the blessings of wisdom.

Understanding the Text

1. What pattern do we see in the structure of Proverbs 3:1–12? How do the “odd-numbered” verses contrast with the “even-numbered” ones?
2. According to verse 1, what kind of obedience does Solomon call his son to practice? How is “heart obedience” different from outward performance?
3. What do verses 3–4 teach us about kindness (chesed) and truth (emet)? How do these attributes reflect God's own character?
4. How does Proverbs define true wisdom in verses 5–7? How does that challenge our natural self-reliance?
5. What is promised in verse 6 for those who trust the Lord and acknowledge Him in all their ways? How is this promise ultimately fulfilled in Christ?
6. Verses 9–10 speak about honoring God with our wealth. Why is this a spiritual issue, and how does it connect to faith and generosity?

7. Verses 11–12 address God’s discipline. How is correction a sign of God’s covenant love and not His rejection?

Personal Reflection & Application

1. In what ways are you tempted to “lean on your own understanding” in your daily decisions?
 2. How do the “blessings” of this passage (peace, favor, guidance, provision) point beyond temporary success to eternal promises in Christ?
 3. When you experience suffering or loss, how do you usually interpret it? How does Proverbs 3:11–12 challenge or correct your view?
 4. What does it look like in your life to “acknowledge God in all your ways”? Are there specific areas where that is hard?
 5. How does Jesus fulfill every command in Proverbs 3 that we’ve failed to keep? How does this give us both comfort and confidence to walk in wisdom?
 6. In light of this passage, what does faithful obedience look like *now* for those who are in Christ?
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Going Deeper in the Word

Covenant Blessing and Obedience

- Deuteronomy 6:1–9
- Psalm 1:1–6
- Jeremiah 31:31–34

Christ as the Wise Son and Covenant-Keeper

- Luke 2:52
- 1 Corinthians 1:24–30
- Romans 5:18–19

Suffering and Discipline in the Christian Life

- Hebrews 12:5–11
- James 1:2–5
- 2 Corinthians 4:17–18