

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 07 June 2020.....Proverbs 01.....Chartered Waters
- 2) 14 June.....Proverbs 03:1-18.....Direction Offered
- 3) **21 June.....Proverbs 03:19-35.....Compassion Demonstrated**
- 4) 28 June.....Proverbs 04.....The Choice
- 5) 05 July.....Proverbs 05.....Following God's Design
- 6) 12 July.....Proverbs 08-09.....Pursuing Wisdom
- 7) 19 July.....Proverbs 14.....Living Wisely
- 8) 26 July.....Proverbs 15-16.....Pleasing God
- 9) 02 August.....Proverbs 23.....Staying Sober
- 10) 09 August.....Proverbs 29.....Accepting Discipline
- 11) 16 August.....Proverbs 31.....Finding Honor
- 12) 23 August.....Song of Songs 1-5.....Relational Foundations
- 13) 30 August.....Song of Songs 5-8.....Relational Investment

INTRODUCTION

- The rest of Chapter 3 lists numerous other principles to live by and characteristics to have, including habitually doing good and avoiding evil to receive God's direct blessings, grace, and honor.
- In brief, the path of the Righteous grows brighter and brighter, and the path of the Wicked grows darker and darker.

Passage	Comments
Proverbs 3:19-20	<p>God Created All Things by His Wisdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you imagine living without "TIME" or without the "Laws of Physics" or the "Laws of Nature" • God, through His infinite, glorious, majestic WISDOM created everything for us to see, hear, feel, sense, and to essentially know and articulate what is good and bad, hot and cold, high and low, far and near, hard and soft, light and dark, colorful and drab, delicious and nauseous, beautiful and ugly, big and small, tall and wide, wet and dry, painful and pleasant, dead and alive, & even how to perceive past, present, & future. • Makes the brain hurt thinking on such things • Only a fool can believe that a godless Big Bang and billions of years produced such wonder Ps 14:1
3:21-24	<p>How Do We Keep Sound Wisdom & Discretion?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st, what is the source of sound wisdom & discretion? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The #1 Assumption is Sound Wisdom & Discretion is ONLY found with God (i.e., in His Word) • How does Sound Wisdom and Discretion (SW&D) keep us from being afraid and give us restful sleep when we have suffered loss and pain? <input type="checkbox"/> Confidence we are in God's will & He is in control? <input type="checkbox"/> Assurance that better days are coming? <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____? • So, how do we "KEEP" SW&D? <input type="checkbox"/> Diligent Study? <input type="checkbox"/> Watching TV? <input type="checkbox"/> Faithful Obedience? <input type="checkbox"/> _____? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Consider this: We become wise by hanging around those who are wise..... Prov 13:20
3:25-26	<p>How Can We Not Be Afraid of Wicked Onslaught?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even Jesus was in agony & shed great drops of blood as He pondered His pending crucifixion..... Luke 22:44 • Consider this. We must maintain an eternal focus, not an earthly focus. In the end, we win gloriously. As Paul once said, our "momentary, light affliction (here) is producing for us an eternal weight of glory" .. 2Cor 4:17
3:27-28	<p>Be Diligent in Paying Debt on Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why can't we delay? Is our testimony at stake? • Is delayed obedience disobedience? Ps 119:60
3:29	<p>Do Not Devise Harm to Your Neighbor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUT what if our neighbor stole or deliberately damaged our possessions or property? Eye for Eye! • Consider this. We have a higher principle. We are not to render evil for evil, but good Rom 12:17-21

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3:30	<p>Don't Look for a Fight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why should Christians have to be told this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Because not all Christians are mature ♦ Some be like James & John (the sons of thunder) who wanted to strike a whole town dead with fire for not being hospitable Luke 9:54 • We must know when to contend for the truth (Jude 3), and when to contend with the wicked (Prov 28:4) • Don't be a meddler or troublesome Rom 16:17 • Rather, let us be low maintenance 1Thes 4:11
3:31-33	<p>God Treats the Righteous as Friends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v32. "He is a friend to the upright" (HCSB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ "He is intimate with the upright" (NASB) ♦ "He offers his friendship to the godly" (NLT) ♦ "The upright are in his confidence" (NIV, RSV) ♦ "The straightforward get His respect" (Message) ♦ "His secret [counsel] is with the righteous" (KJ, NKJ) • So, let's be righteous, honest, trustworthy
3:34-35	<p>God Gives Grace or Shows Favor to the Afflicted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider this. God is able to prepare a banquet table before one's enemies (Ps 23:5). IOW, God can put our enemies to shame by honoring us with favor instead of them (e.g., Mordecai over Haman in Esther). • What does this Grace look like when the affliction isn't removed? Martyrs still die a horrible death. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ In such cases, God's grace is what helps them endure the suffering as Christ endured the Cross

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- If we can grasp just half the truths presented in these passages, how much better our earthly lives would be (more peaceful, enriched, fruitful, and meaningful), and how much more eternal rewards would be put into our heavenly account

NEXT WEEK: Proverbs 4. Wisdom is personified as a woman who should be embraced, exalted, chased after, and not forsaken.



"So, I asked my wife, 'What's wrong?' She said, 'Nothing,' and I said, 'Awesome.' I don't remember anything after that."
A SMART PERSON KNOWS WHAT TO SAY, A WISE PERSON KNOWS WHETHER OR NOT TO SAY IT. PROVERBS 29:11