

Holy Habits

Part 6: Words to Build a Life On

Proverbs 3:1-12 (NIV)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

1. Be COMMITTED to live by the TRUTH.

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart...

God's Promise: I will cover you with BLESSING and PEACE.

...for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

2. Be LOYAL to your COVENANTS and COMMITMENTS.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart...

God's Promise: God's FAVOR and a GOOD REPUTATION.

...Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

3. Rely on God's WISDOM and God's WAYS.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him...

God's Promise: He will PROTECT us and DIRECT us all of our lives.

...and he will make your paths straight.

4. Be HUMBLE about YOURSELF and toward OTHERS.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil...

God's Promise: A HEALTHY SELF IMAGE leads to a healthy you.

This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

5. Choose to be GENEROUS recognizing that all you have is a GIFT from GOD.

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops...

God's Promise: I will meet all of your NEEDS and PROVIDE for you.

...then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

6. Recognize that God LOVES you and wants what is BEST for you.

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent his rebuke...

God's Promise: God will not allow us to LIVE our LIVES without His HELP.

...because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.