

HIGHLIGHTS

CONTEXT

1. This is a book of proverbs.

Proverbs 14:23 *All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.*

2. This is not a book of promises.

3. This is a book of poetry.

4. This is passage of contrasting parallelism.

Proverbs 3:5-8

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.
8 This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.

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1. God's wisdom is counterintuitive.

Proverbs 3:5 *...lean not on your own understanding;*
Proverbs 3:7 *Do not be wise in your own eyes . . .*

Proverbs 1:7 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

Proverbs 14:12 *There is a way that seem right to a man, but in the end, it leads to death.*

Proverbs 12:15 *The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.*

Proverbs 26:12 *Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.*

Proverbs 26:16 *The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly.*

2. God's wisdom is countercultural.

Proverbs 15:16 *Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil.*

Proverbs 16:8 *Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice.*

Proverbs 16:32 *Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.*

Proverbs 17:1 *Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.*

Proverbs 19:22 *What a man desires is unfailing love; better to be poor than a liar.*

Proverbs 22:1 *A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.*

3. God's wisdom is protective.

Proverbs 3:6 *...and he will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 14:26 *He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.*

Proverbs 14:27 *The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.*

Proverbs 22:4 *Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.*

Proverbs 28:14 *Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.*

Proverbs 29:25 *Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.*

4. God's wisdom is prosperous.

Proverbs 3:8 *This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*

Proverbs 3:1 *My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.*

Proverbs 10:27 *The fear of the LORD adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.*

Proverbs 13:21 *Misfortune pursues the sinner, but prosperity is the reward of the righteous.*

Proverbs 16:20 *Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.*

Proverbs 19:8 *He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who cherishes understanding prospers.*

Proverbs 21:21 *He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.*

Proverbs 28:13 *He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*

Proverbs 28:25 *A greedy man stirs up dissension, but he who trusts in the LORD will prosper.*

CARRY AWAY

1. The easy way is the hard way
and the hard way is the easy way.

2. In whom am I trusting?

Myself,

My culture,

My God, with all my heart

