



Proverbs

Get Smart!
Wisdom and Fools

FROM THE BIBLE'S WISDOM LITERATURE

GET SMART!!!

- But, one must use wisdom to study wisdom...
 - Figures of speech, riddles, nature pictures and allusions...
- Different words describing wisdom, 6 common
- So far, first 9 chapters:
 - Ch 1 – Definition, call and warning of refusal (vs 33 re-focus)
 - Ch. 2 – Rewards for seeking, deliverance from sinful men/women
 - Now on to chapter 3... Benefits of Wisdom!

BENEFITS OF WISDOM – CH 3

- Do not forget... LET YOUR HEART
 - Something we must do!
 - Not a matter of heart, but passion and character
- Benefits:
 - 2 - long life and peace!
 - 3 - This brings a reminder... kindness and truth! Why? Heart!
 - 4 – FAVOR & Good reputation - God and men!
 - Vs. 5,6 – Memorized, quoted... obeyed?
 - What do we focus on in this verse... CONTEXT!!!

CH 3 – 5,6

- **TRUST** in the Lord
 - Not in yourself or others...
- With **ALL** you **HEART**
 - All your passion, will and choices...
- Lean not to your own understanding...
 - You do not have much!
- In all your ways acknowledge **HIM**
 - **HE** guides, leads and **IS** the **WAY** of your life... **THEN...**

WITH SUCH PATHS...

- 7 - Do not be wise in your own eyes, believing promo!
 - How – FEAR the Lord, TURN from evil... turn away!
- 8 – healing and refreshment to bones and body!
- 9 – honor the Lord.. From your wealth? Produce (over 150)
- 10 – Barns filled, wine aplenty...
- 11, 12 – God's discipline, reproof = His Love (Heb 12)

CH 3:13-26-HOW BLESSED!!!

- Better than profit or gold... (then why do we measure...)
- Long life, peace, “happy” - tree of LIFE! (thoughts?)
- 19 - By Wisdom God...
- 21 – Don’t let them go! Blessings will abound
 - No stumbling
 - No fear
 - Sweet sleep!

CH 3:27- 35 - RESPONSIBILITIES

- 27, 28 – Give and do good when you can...
- 29, 30 – be wary of planning evil against anyone
- 31 – 35 – concerning those who are violent... contrast
 - = a crooked man! Curse is upon Him, his house, God scoffs at the scoffer. Dishonor...
 - Intimate with the upright, blesses the dwelling, peace to the afflicted, inherit honor!