



“A MAN WHO WALKS STRAIGHT”
Proverbs 3:5–6

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.*

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”

INTRODUCTION

Proverbs 3:5–6 confronts the core issue of every man’s life:

WHO DO YOU TRUST WHEN IT MATTERS MOST?

BIG IDEA

A godly man walks straight paths by trusting the Lord completely, rejecting self-reliance, and submitting every area of life to God.

I. A WHOLEHEARTED TRUST (v. 5a) *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart”*

A. The OBJECT of Our Trust — *“Trust in the LORD”*

The LORD (*Yahweh*) is covenant-faithful, all-knowing, and sovereign.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart”

- Trust begins with *who* you rely on.
- God is not one option among many—He is the foundation.

Men often trust:

- Experience
- Intelligence
- Hard work
- Past success

None of those are bad—but none are sufficient.

B. The EXTENT of Our Trust — “*with all your heart*”

Not partial trust. Not backup trust. All-in trust.

Application

Do you trust God fully—or only when your plan fails?

Are there areas where you say, “I’ve got this, God”?

II. A HUMBLE REFUSAL (v. 5b)

“And do not lean on your own understanding”

A. The DANGER of Leaning - “*And do not lean*”

B. The DECEPTION of Self-Reliance – “*on your own understanding*”

Application

Where are you relying on logic alone?

Where has success made you prayerless?

Are decisions being bathed in prayer—or rushed by confidence?

III. A COMPREHENSIVE SUBMISSION (v. 6a)

“In all your ways acknowledge Him”

A. The SCOPE — “*in all your ways*”

God is not compartmentalized. He claims authority over all of a man’s life.

B. The ACTION — “*acknowledge Him*”

It means to recognize God as the authority and seek His will.

Application

Are there areas you have excluded God from?

Do you acknowledge Him publicly but ignore Him privately?

Is your leadership marked by submission to God?

IV. A CERTAIN PROMISE (v. 6b)

“And He will make straight your paths”

A. God’s PROMISE Is Direction, Not Ease - *“And He will make straight”*
“Straight” does not mean painless.

It means clear, purposeful, and aligned with God’s will.

God removes unnecessary detours caused by pride and disobedience.

B. God’s FAITHFULNESS to the Trusting Man - *“And He will make straight”*

God directs men who trust Him.

God honors obedience with clarity.

God leads men who surrender control.

Application

Are you on a straight path—or a self-chosen shortcut?

Are you willing to trust God even when the road is hard?

CONCLUSION: The Measure of a Man

The strength of a man is not found in self-confidence, but God-confidence.

The maturity of a man is not independence, but dependence on the Lord.

Proverbs 3:5–6 calls men to:

- *Trust fully*
- *Reject pride*
- *Submit daily*
- *Walk obediently*

A man who does this will not have a perfect life—
—but he will have a directed life.

Key Truth to Remember

***Strong men don’t trust themselves less because they are weak.
They trust God more because He is faithful.***

The Challenge

Before making decisions this week, pause and pray:

“Lord, I trust You more than myself. Lead me in Your way.”

MEN'S BREAKFAST DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Proverbs 3:5–6

- Where do you tend to rely on your own understanding the most—work, family, finances, or decision-making?
- What usually keeps you from trusting God in that area?
- What does “*trusting the LORD with all your heart*” look like in real life for a man like you this week?
- Can you identify a time when leaning on your own understanding led to a detour—or when trusting God led to clarity?
- Are there any areas of your life you haven't fully acknowledged God in?
- Why do you think that area is hard to surrender?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to acknowledge God before making decisions? (Prayer, Scripture, counsel, slowing down, accountability)