

The Roots of Wisdom > Proverbs 3:1-20

3:1-2 Wisdom is rooted in knowledge, instruction, and understanding. Because of this, the father's call to the son is crucial: "do not forget my teaching."

3:3-12 How can the son keep from forgetting? How can he work to embrace God's commandments with his heart? Five truths are given in these verses, each tells of something to embrace (or to avoid), how to apply the specific truth, and the blessings for doing so.

3:13-18 Yet the point of wisdom isn't simply blessing in the here and now. Instead, holding to wisdom will lead us to blessing that is greater than we often imagine, and which will last not only for a day or even a lifetime, but into eternity.

3:19-20 Wisdom is God-centered: it points us to our Lord and enables us to better understand, enjoy, and follow after Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Context: In chapter 1, we read of the need for wisdom and where it is found. Chapter 2 introduced us to the value and blessing of wisdom itself. Now, in chapter 3, we are starting to see how to obtain and live according to wisdom.

Aim: To believe that seeking after wisdom will train us how to live in the center of God's blessing – now and forever.

Gospel: Jesus is the perfectly wise Son who embraced the Lord's wisdom and lived it as our substitute.

Applications: How will you grab hold of wisdom from the Scriptures? Read? Memorize? What needs to change in your heart to see God's wisdom as what you need most?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
