

Love God, Love Others > Proverbs 3:21-35

3:21-26 The wise will enjoy God's guidance and protection.

The call is to not lose sight of faith-filled wisdom and discretion (**v21-24**), which results in a Christ-rooted confidence in every area of life (**v25-26**).

3:27-32 The wise will do good to honor God and love their neighbors. The wisdom we gain and the confidence we enjoy are meant to cause us to love our neighbors well (**v27-28**) and to honor God as our King, Lord, and Savior (**v29-32**).

3:33-35 The wise will receive the Lord's favor and blessing. This pattern is repeated often throughout Proverbs, and here we see it as the capstone of what Solomon has been writing about: the wise are cared for by the Lord. Those who reject wisdom – and therefore reject God – gain only the cursing, scorn, and disgrace that their sin deserves.

Context: Chapter 3 began with the call to obtain wisdom and then to live accordingly. Yet, what does that look like practically? This second half of the chapter answers by showing us not only what the wise person values, but also how they live and act.

Aim: To grasp that true blessing – lasting favor – comes from living by God's wisdom rather than according to sin's curse.

Gospel: Christ has perfectly embodied and taught us what it looks like to love God and to love our neighbors through His sacrifice for us while we were yet sinners.

Applications: How will you adopt God's priorities in this next week and year? What is your plan for enjoying His blessing?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
