



WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY
“A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.”
– Proverbs 1:5

Men have always needed wisdom. We need help to make decisions about work; all relationships – in speech and conduct; who to trust - or avoid; along with being measured by the plumb line of true character. Wisdom from Proverbs offers insight into the concrete experiences of human life that help us take charge of our lives. Proverbs is about **how to** live out your faith in God. There is no true wisdom apart from Jesus. Fools are those who rely on their own knowledge to navigate life. In this study, we will look and listen to hear God’s voice and see his Son shining through the book of Proverbs. We will be equipped in every way for our journey! So, let’s dig in!

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WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY: THE SECURITY OF GOD’S ORDER!
 A man needs wisdom for his journey. We can find that wisdom in Proverbs as we are pointed to Jesus.

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Scripture: Proverbs 3:19-20; Proverbs 3:1, 2; Proverbs 3:13-18; Proverbs 16:5; Proverbs 21:5; Galatians 6:7, 8; Proverbs 16:20
Music: Toby Keith - Should've Been A Cowboy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghCZH3tU9gl>
Video: STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES - FORREST GUMP - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1eBS8avHrg>
Resources - GOD’S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE by Timothy Keller
PROVERBS FOR YOU by Kathleen Nielson

THE SECURITY OF GOD’S ORDER

1. _____ – **Proverbs 3:19-20** → There is an established order to things—physically, socially, morally, and spiritually—that is built into the fabric of creation. For example, we can’t treat our body any way we want without consequences. If we try to center our lives on anything but God, it leads to fragile identity and psychological disorder. It is the essence of wisdom to honor and respect God’s established order and to align our life with it.
2. _____ – **Proverbs 3:1-2, 16:5, 21:7** → Because of creation, there is a principle of “natural consequence” embedded in the world. Right living will be rewarded (3:1,2) and evil will not go unpunished (16:5). There is a natural boomerang effect to cruel behavior (21:7). Sins—chaos—“find you out” (Gal. 6:7, 8). Behaviors that violate God’s word also violate the created design, and thus harms us as we do them. Wise living honors our design and leads to thriving.

THE SECURITY OF GOD’S ORDER – BLESSED BY WISDOM.

1. _____ – **Proverbs 16:20** → The Hebrew word means far more than mere happiness. It means multidimensional flourishing. In Genesis 3, we discover that sin put us in a condition where we are in contradiction with God, our true selves, other human beings, and even nature itself.
2. _____ → We enter into partial but substantial healing in each of the areas that sin affects us. God’s salvation repairs our hearts and our behavior. Salvation is not merely forgiveness and admission to heaven. It means life *is* healed, slowly but surely, in all its dimensions. Where have you seen God bring blessedness to your life?

THE SECURITY OF GOD’S ORDER – TREE OF LIFE.

1. _____ – **Proverbs 3:13-18** → Wisdom is depicted as a *tree of life*. In Genesis 3:14-19 God foretold the disruption of the created order—under sin, work and life will be filled with pain and futility. Romans 8:19-20 says that the broken, “frustrated” creation will be finally put right only when Christ returns to glorify and perfects his own. We are promised that when we walk in accordance with God’s Word and wisdom we begin to get a foretaste of the Tree of Life—the fullness of life that will be restored to us on the last day.

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. What part of your life is chaotic? Where do you need order to be re-established?
2. When have you experienced the natural consequence of your foolish decision?
3. How are you blessed by God and His wisdom?



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SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:19-20 - 19 With Lady Wisdom, God formed Earth; with Madame Insight, he raised Heaven. **20** They knew when to signal rivers and springs to the surface, and dew to descend from the night skies. Never Walk Away

Proverbs 3:1, 2 - 1 Good friend, don't forget all I've taught you; take to heart my commands. **2** They'll help you live a long, long time, a long life lived full and well.

Proverbs 3:13-18 - 13 You're blessed when you meet Lady Wisdom, when you make friends with Madame Insight. **14** She's worth far more than money in the bank; her friendship is better than a big salary. **15** Her value exceeds all the trappings of wealth; nothing you could wish for holds a candle to her. **16** With one hand she gives long life, with the other she confers recognition. **17** Her manner is beautiful, her life wonderfully complete. **18** She's the very Tree of Life to those who embrace her. Hold her tight - and be blessed!

Proverbs 16:5 - 5 God can't stomach arrogance or pretense; believe me, he'll put those upstarts in their place.

Proverbs 21:5 - 5 Careful planning puts you ahead in the long run; hurry and scurry puts you further behind.

Galatians 6:7, 8 - 7 Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others - ignoring God! - **8** harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.

Proverbs 16:20 - 20 It pays to take life seriously; things work out when you trust in God.

"Should've Been A Cowboy" By Toby Keith

... I bet you've never heard ol' Marshal Dillon say
Miss Kitty, have you ever thought of runnin'
 away?
 Settlin' down, would you marry me
If I asked you twice and begged you, pretty
 please?
She'd have said, "Yes", in a New York minute
They never tied the knot, his heart wasn't in it
 He just stole a kiss as he rode away
 He never hung his hat up at Kitty's place
 ... I should've been a cowboy
 I should've learned to rope and ride
Wearin' my six-shooter, ridin' my pony on a
 cattle drive
 Stealin' the young girls' hearts
 Just like Gene and Roy

Singin' those campfire songs
 Woah, I should've been a cowboy
... I might of had a sidekick with a funny name
 Runnin' wild through the hills chasin' Jesse
 James
 Ending up on the brink of danger
 Ridin' shotgun for the Texas Rangers
Go west young man, haven't you been told?
California's full of whiskey, women and gold
Sleepin' out all night beneath the desert stars
With a dream in my eye and a prayer in my heart
 ... I should've been a cowboy
 I should've learned to rope and ride
Wearin' my six-shooter, ridin' my pony on a

 cattle drive
 Stealin' the young girls' hearts
 Just like Gene and Roy
 Singin' those campfire songs
 Woah, I should've been a cowboy
 ... I should've been a cowboy
I should've learned to rope and ride
I'd be wearin' my six-shooter, ridin' my pony on
 a cattle drive
 Stealin' the young girls' hearts
 Just like Gene and Roy
 Singin' those campfire songs
 Woah, I should've been a cowboy
 ... Yeah, I should've been a cowboy
 I should've been a cowboy

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