

Proverbs 3:1-35 **Benefit of Obedience – Warning against Evil**
Benefit of Wisdom & Discretion

Guidance for the Young

- ¹ My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands;
² For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.
³ Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,
⁴ *And* so find favor and high esteem In the sight of Elohiym (God) and man.
- ⁵ Trust in Yahweh (the LORD) with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct* your paths.
- ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear Yahweh (the LORD) and depart from evil.
⁸ It will be health to your flesh,* And strength* to your bones.
- ⁹ Honor Yahweh (the LORD) with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;
¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.
- ¹¹ My son, do not despise the chastening of t Yahweh (the LORD), Nor detest His correction;
¹² For whom Yahweh (the LORD) loves He corrects, Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.
- ¹³ Happy *is* the man *who* finds wisdom, And the man *who* gains understanding;
¹⁴ For her proceeds *are* better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold.
¹⁵ She *is* more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.
¹⁶ Length of days *is* in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor.
¹⁷ Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, And all her paths *are* peace.
¹⁸ She *is* a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy *are all* who retain her.
- ¹⁹ Yahweh (the LORD) by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;
²⁰ By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.
- ²¹ My son, let them not depart from your eyes – Keep sound wisdom and discretion;
²² So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck.
²³ Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble.
²⁴ When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.

25 Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;
26 For Yahweh (the LORD) will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.

27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do *so*.

28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give *it*," When *you have* it with you.

29 Do not devise evil against your neighbor, For he dwells by you for safety's sake.

30 Do not strive with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm.

31 Do not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways;

32 For the perverse *person is* an abomination to Yahweh (the LORD),
But His secret counsel *is* with the upright.

33 The curse of Yahweh (the LORD) *is* on the house of the wicked,
But He blesses the home of the just.

34 Surely He scorns the scornful,
But gives grace to the humble.

35 The wise shall inherit glory,
But shame shall be the legacy of fools.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands;
For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.
Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,
And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of Elohiym (God) and man. [[Proverbs 3:1-4](#)]
- ✧ Solomon called upon his son to retain his good counsel.
- ✧ The value of doing so is long peaceful life.
- ✧ To find favor in the sight of Elohiym & man, you must wholeheartedly cling to mercy and truth.
- ✧ Trust in Yahweh (the LORD) with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct* your paths. [[Proverbs 3:5-6](#)]
- ✧ The wise will turn to Yahweh's word for understanding instead of trusting their own imagination.
- ✧ Yahweh will direct the paths of those who continually acknowledge Him.
- ✧ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear Yahweh (the LORD) and depart from evil.
It will be health to your flesh,* And strength* to your bones. [[Proverbs 3:7-8](#)]
- ✧ Yahweh loves those who are faithful to His commandments and humble before Him.
- ✧ The benefit will touch your body as well as your soul.
- ✧ Honor Yahweh (the LORD) with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.
[Proverbs 3:9-10]

- ✧ Yahweh will bless you with abundance when you obey His commandments to tithe for the support of His spiritual leaders.
- ✧ My son, do not despise the chastening of Yahweh (the LORD), Nor detest His correction;
For whom Yahweh (the LORD) loves He corrects, Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights. [Proverbs 3:11-12]
- ✧ The chastening of the Lord is evidence He loves you as a father loves his obedient son.
- ✧ Happy *is* the man *who* finds wisdom, And the man *who* gains understanding;
For her proceeds *are* better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold.
She *is* more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.
Length of days *is* in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor.
Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, And all her paths *are* peace.
She *is* a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy *are all* who retain her.
[Proverbs 3:13-18]
- ✧ Wisdom and understanding are of more value than all other earthly possessions.
- ✧ The fruit of wisdom and understanding touch your life both physically and spiritually giving long pleasant life, wealth, honor, and peace.
- ✧ Those who have wisdom and understanding are happy and blessed.
- ✧ Yahweh (the LORD) by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;
By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.
[Proverbs 3 :19-20]
- ✧ Wisdom, knowledge and understanding were with Yahweh during creation and continue in sustaining the heavens and the earth.
- ✧ My son, let them not depart from your eyes — Keep sound wisdom and discretion;
So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck.
Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble.
When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet. [Proverbs 3:21-24]
- ✧ Reward and value for choosing to keep wisdom and discretion.
- ✧ It is a personal choice with great benefits.
- ✧ Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;
For Yahweh (the LORD) will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught. [Proverbs 3:25-26]
- ✧ If you have faith in Yahweh, He will be your help when terror and trouble comes.
- ✧ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do *so*.
Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give *it*," When *you have it with you*. [Proverbs 3:27-28]
- ✧ , Do not hesitate to do good when you are able to help.
- ✧ Do not devise evil against your neighbor, For he dwells by you for safety's sake.
Do not strive with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm. [Proverbs 3:29-30]
- ✧ Call to pursue peaceful relationships with neighbors for safety's sake.

- ☆ Do not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways;
For the perverse *person is* an abomination to Yahweh (the LORD),
But His secret counsel *is* with the upright. [\[Proverbs 3:31-32\]](#)
- ◇ We are warned to avoid desiring the wealth of the oppressor because he is an abomination to Yahweh and will be punished on the day of judgment.
- ◇ The secret counsel of Yahweh is with the upright.
- ☆ The curse of Yahweh (the LORD) *is* on the house of the wicked,
But He blesses the home of the just.
Surely He scorns the scornful,
But gives grace to the humble.
The wise shall inherit glory,
But shame shall be the legacy of fools. [\[Proverbs 3:33-35\]](#)
- ◇ Contrast of the ways of Yahweh toward the wicked and the just.
 - ✧ The wicked are cursed.
 - ◇ The just are blessed.
 - ✧ The scornful are scorned.
 - ◇ He gives grace to the humble.
 - ◇ The wise inherit glory.
 - ✧ The legacy of fools is shame.