

Proverbs - Chapter 3

Right Living Devotion to God and devotion to wisdom are inseparable. Some are tempted to seek knowledge without having first truly submitted to God. This means their search will be futile and the wisdom gained will be distorted. One must first orient himself to the Creator in faith, humility, and obedience. However, some seek piety and do not embrace the simple and everyday aspects of wise living. Both are essential for those who claim to know God.

1. How do all three exhortations (1:8-19; 2:1-22; 3:1-35) which we have studied begin? What is promised if the hearer listens?
2. In 3:5-12, we find a series of four, four-line verses which go together each forming a complete thought (verses 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12). What does each teach about godly living?
3. We return to wisdom personified as a woman in 3:13-18. What benefits are there to those who find her? Of what Bible event does verse 18 remind you?
4. Verses 25-32 form a list of activities which the godly man 'does not'. What kind of person does this list describe?
5. How would you characterize the contrast Solomon provides in verses 33-35?