

Lesson 3 – The Way of the Wise (Student Handout)
(Instruction: This handout is for personal study and class' focus)
Proverbs 3:1–12

1. Introduction

Many people think wisdom means being confident, independent, or self-reliant. The Bible teaches something different. True wisdom begins with **trusting and obeying God**. Proverbs 3 shows us a life shaped by faith, humility, and dependence on the LORD.

2. Main Idea

Trusting and obeying the LORD leads to peace, blessing, and a meaningful life.

3. Explanation of the Passage

- **“Do not forget my teaching” (vv. 1–2): key v1**

Holding God’s Word in your heart means letting it guide your daily choices.

- **“Love and faithfulness” (vv. 3–4): key v3**

These qualities reflect God’s character and build healthy relationships.

- **“Trust in the LORD with all your heart” (vv. 5–6): key v5**

Wisdom means depending on God rather than your own understanding.

- **“Do not despise the LORD’s discipline” (vv. 11–12): key v11**

God corrects those He loves so they can grow and mature.

4. Understanding God’s Word (Discussion Questions)

1. What does it mean to trust God “with all your heart”?
2. Why is it tempting to rely on your own understanding?
3. How can God’s discipline be an act of love?

5. Personal Application

1. Where am I trusting myself more than God?
2. What area of my life needs to be surrendered to Him?
3. How can I respond more humbly to God’s correction?

6. Prayer

Lord, help me trust You with my whole heart. Teach me to follow Your Word and accept Your loving correction so that my life reflects Your wisdom. Amen.