

## The Benefits of God Given Wisdom

### Proverbs 3

Group <sup>1</sup>	C	V	Description
The Rewards of Wisdom	3	1-12	A father gives instruction to his son
		13-26	The benefits of wisdom given by God
		27-35	Wisdom of doing good to and for others

### Reflections

When you consider this chapter in connection with the two greatest commandments—Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself—it provides some practical ways of doing them. The first section provides the reason why someone should seek godly wisdom and then the next two describe the benefits of living in godly wisdom and how to treat others.

This chapter could best be summed up in two passages: 3:5-6 and 3:27-28.

#### Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.  
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

#### Proverbs 3:27-28 NASB

27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,  
When it is in your power to do *it*.  
28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back,  
And tomorrow I will give *it*," When you have it with you.

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### There and Then: Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study<sup>2</sup>: *my LOG vs others SPECK*. Here are some possible responses I've identified from the text that might apply to anyone.

S - Are there *sins* for me to avoid or confess?

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P - Are there *promises* from God for me to claim?

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E - Are there *examples* for me to follow or avoid?

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C - Are there *commands* for me to obey?

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K - How has this passage increased my *knowledge* about God / Jesus / Holy Spirit?

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1 (NASB) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

2 *Navigator Bible Study Handbook* (The Navigators), with additions & Matthew 7:1-5.

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