



The Key to Consistency

PROVERBS 3:1-35

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6, ESV)

Review the Sermon

Read Proverbs 3:1-35.

Why is it important that Proverbs 3 emphasize the need for wisdom to be a consistent lifestyle? What does wisdom have to do with having a reliable character?

Explain how Proverbs 3:5-7 give the key to this consistency.

How are we to respond when trusting the Lord leads to greater challenges?

Assess your Life

Think of a time when you clearly messed up and went the wrong way – how did failing to trust the Lord and leaning on your own understanding play into that?

How have you responded when you have obeyed the Lord, acknowledged him in all your ways, and yet have ended up in some kind of trouble?

How have previous trials in your life produced the fruit of wisdom and allowed you to see the faithfulness of God in a clearer way?



Apply the Truth

What can you do to build greater trust in the Lord and lean less on your own understanding?

Aside from handling your wealth (Prov. 3:9-10), how else can you give to the Lord first while trusting him to provide the rest?

How can the example Jesus set for you (Heb. 12:1-2) enable you to endure suffering to attain the greater goal of true wisdom?

“My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.” (Proverbs 3:11–12, ESV)