

“The Power of Wisdom”

Proverbs 2:10-3:10

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The wise person will experience a constant pull towards ungodliness by the world, the flesh and the devil. But God has wisdom that is available to us to protect us from the disaster of yielding to the pull of the world, the flesh and the devil.

In Proverbs 2:10-3:10 God shows how wisdom can save us from disaster.

The Power of Wisdom:

1. Wisdom Will Protect Us – 2:10-11

2. Wisdom Will Protect Us from the “Evil” Man – 2:12-15

3. Wisdom Will Protect Us from the “Forbidden” Woman – 2:16-19

V. 16 - “Forbidden”=ESV footnote: “strange” NIV “adulterous” NKJV “immoral woman”
Hebrew word means an alien, a foreigner

It is not speaking of being from a foreign country but her actions are foreign / outside the boundaries of God’s plan for how we are to live. She is outside the bounds of a proper relationship to a man.

V. 19 – “Come back” = the person who has an immoral relationship with her will quickly find it addicting.

“Paths of life”= adultery doesn’t lead to the “abundant life”

God warns that all immorality earns His person wrath – Hebrews 13:4

4. Wisdom Will Promote Long Life – 2:20-3:2

5. Wisdom Will Promote Favor and Success in the Sight of God and Man – 3:3-6

6. Wisdom Will Promote Health – 3:7-8

V. 7 “Fear the Lord”=reverence for God

The Fear of the Lord is a concern to give God the glory and honor He deserves along with a dread that seeks to avoid anything that would offend and dishonor God.

The Fear of the Lord protects us from temptation and sin and gives us motivation for godly living.

V. 8 “Flesh”=the Hebrew specifically refers to the umbilical cord which is the source of nourishment for a baby in the womb. Like the nourishment that comes to a baby in the womb, God’s Word will make us healthy.

“Bones”= this verse paints a picture of good health from your outer navel to your inner bones. This is speaking of spiritual health (which is far more important than physical health).

7. Wisdom Will Promote Prosperity – 3:9-10

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