

Proverbs 3:13-35

IV. The Father's Third Lesson Cont.

A. The Benefits of Finding Wisdom - vs 13-18

1. **Happiness** - Pr 8:32,34-35 - used 42 x's in the OT

- a. Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
- b. And the man who gains understanding;

2. Benefits better than riches

- a. For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver
 - i. proceeds - profits the same word
 - ii. *cachar* - profit (from trade):--merchandise.

b. And her gain than fine gold.

- i. gain - *t@buw'ah* - income, produce:--fruit, gain, increase, revenue.
- ii. Fine gold - *charuwts* - incised (*decoratively cut*) or (active) incisive; a trench (as dug), gold (as mined), a threshing-sledge (having sharp teeth); pointed things, sharp, threshing instrument, wall.

3. Her Value - Job 28:13; Pr 8:11,19; 16; Mt 13:44

- a. She is more precious than rubies,
- b. And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. - Ps 19:9-10

4. Stated benefits

a. Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. - Pr 8:18; 1Ti 4:8

b. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace. - Mt 11:29-30

- i. *no'am* - agreeableness, delight, suitableness, splendor or grace:--beauty, pleasant(-ness).

- ii. *shalowm* - safe, peace, quietness of soul - Ps 46:10

d. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, - Jo 10:10

e. And **happy** are all who retain her.

B. Selling with Celebrities

1. The Celebrity - The Lord

2. Look How He Did it - Jer 31:35-37

- a. By wisdom
- b. By understanding
- c. By His knowledge

3. Look What He did - Ge 1:1,6-8,9,11,14,16,20,24,26; Ps 104:24; 136:5; Pr 8:27; Jer 10:12; 51:15; Heb 1:3

- a. founded the earth;
- b. He established the heavens;
- c. the depths were broken up, - Ge 7:11
- d. And clouds drop down the dew.

C. The Rewards of Keeping Your Focus - vs 21-

1. Keep Your Focus

- a. let them not depart from your eyes

- i. *luwz* - to turn aside, to depart, be perverse, froward, perverse(-ness).
- ii. Mt 6:22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

b. Keep sound wisdom and discretion;

2. Rewards of Wisdom

a. Personal life - vs 22 - So they will be

- i. life to your soul
- ii. And grace to your neck. - Pr 1:9

b. Personal Activities - vs 23-26

i. Your walk - vs 23

- safely in your way,
- your foot will not stumble. - Ps 37:24; Pr 10:9

ii. Rest - When you lie down, - vs 24; Ps 3:5; 4:8; Mt 11:29-30; Heb 4:9

- you will not be afraid;
- your sleep will be sweet

iii. Emotional Well-being

- No Fear - Ps 91:5; 112:7
 - Do not be afraid of sudden terror
 - Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes
- Confidence in the Lord
 - For the LORD will be your confidence
 - And will keep your foot from being caught.

D. The Practical Outworking of Wisdom - vs 27-32

1. Toward your neighbor

a. Do Good- vs 27-28; Ro 13:8; Ga 6:10

i. Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.

ii. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you. - Le 19:13; De 24:15

b. Don't Do Evil - vs 29-30; Ro 12:18

i. Do not devise evil against your neighbor, For he dwells by you for safety's sake.

ii. Do not strive with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm.

2. Having Mentors - vs 31-35;

a. Envy corrupts - vs 31-32a; Ps 73:3; Pr 24:1

i. Do not envy the oppressor,

ii. And choose none of his ways;

iii. For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD,

b. God's Attitude Toward - vs 32b-35

i. the Upright

- But His secret counsel is with the upright. - Ps 25:14

- But He blesses the home of the just.

- But gives grace to the humble.- Jas 4:6; 1Pe 5:5

- The wise shall inherit glory

ii. the Wicked

- The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked,

- Surely He scorns the scornful,

- But shame shall be the legacy of fools.