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## **Monday**

Prov. 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
And do not lean on your own understanding.

Hitler 'understood' that it was OK to kill Jews by the millions. Americans 'understood' that it was OK to own slaves and barter in flesh. Today many 'understand' that it is OK to engage in sex outside of marriage. So these may seem extreme examples, but they prove the point clearly that walking by one's human understanding is fraught with danger and leads to sin. We are excellent at self-justification and poor at self-judgment. This is not a matter of intelligence but a matter of our fallen nature. What can you trust if you can't trust yourself? You can trust God and His word. His will and word are the absolute standards of life. Know His word, follow His will and you will do well in every area of life.

## **Tuesday**

Prov. 3:3 Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart.

It is amazing how far kindness and truth will carry you. It is astonishing how many people fail to exhibit these simple character traits. Incredibly Christians, who have known the wonderful truth and kindness of God, seem to be no more predisposed than others to live lives of kindness and truth. We are kind to those who are kind to us, or kind to those from whom we seek advantage, but we may be unkind to the lost, the unfamiliar, or the unneeded. Examine your life today. Is it marked by the Holy Spirit as a life of truth and kindness?

## **Wednesday**

Prov. 3:7b-8 Fear the LORD and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body, And refreshment to your bones..

Most of life's heartbreak and much of our pain is a reflection of our choices. Choices to turn from God, to walk in sinful behavior, or to neglect His call and will for our lives will bring consequences that will be painful and may be long lasting. This proverb is both preemptive and proscriptive. As you face the choices of life, big or small, seen or unseen, choose to follow the will of the Lord and find protection from the consequences of sin. If you have followed a sinful path, known or unknown to others, choose now to repent and follow the Lord. Find His healing in your obedience to His word.

## **Thursday**

Prov. 3:9-10 Honor the LORD from your wealth, And from the first of all your produce; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Of course God is interested in what you do with your money. Or better phrased, 'what you do with HIS money.' You will never have nor will you ever earn anything in life that is not a gift from God's hand. Show your honor to the Lord through the offering of the tithe (10%) of your income back to the Lord through His church. This is a biblical principle dating at least to Abraham's life. It is a sure way to build your faith and to receive God's approval and blessing. *AS A BELIEVER* believe God's word concerning God's tithe and know God's blessing.

## **Friday**

Prov. 3:11-12 My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD, Or loathe His reproof, For whom the LORD loves He reproves, Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.

God's love is shown as clearly in discipline as in blessing. Therefore do not neglect or despise God's disciplinary hand. Thank Him for His correction. Seek His correcting and guiding wisdom. When He corrects you turn quickly and know His grace. Is He correcting you now? Do not reject it. Relish His love revealed in His discipline. Such is a sign of His 'delight' in you.