

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 1

Proverbs 3:1-7 Lesson #3

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Proverbs before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

1-2 My son, do not forget my law, but **LET your HEART KEEP my COMMANDS**; for **length of days and LONG LIFE and PEACE they will add to you.**

• **Matthew 22:36-40** “Teacher, which is the great _____ in the law?’ Jesus said to him, ‘You shall _____ the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great _____. And the second is like it: You shall _____ your neighbor as yourself. On these two _____ hang _____ the _____ and the Prophets.’”

• **John 15:12 & 17** “This is My _____, that you _____ one another as I have _____ you.” (Verse 17) “These things I _____ you, that you _____ one another.”

• **1 John 2:7** “Brethren, I write no new _____ to you, but an old _____ which you have had from the _____. The old _____ is the _____ which you _____ from the _____.”

• **1 John 3:11** “For this is the message that you heard from the _____, that we should _____ one another.”

• **1 John 3:23** “And this is His _____, that we _____ in the _____ of His Son _____, and _____ one _____, just as He _____ us.”

Definition: “LET your HEART KEEP my COMMANDS” – Keeping God's commandments does not EARN us our salvation (salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ ONLY), but **obedience AFFECTS the QUALITY of our lives here on EARTH**, and the LENGTH of our lives. As Christians, we SHOULD be obeying God's commandments, which is another way to say DOING GOOD WORKS, and **Jesus said it will PROVE that we LOVE Him if we are keeping His commandments. Jesus also said that ALL the commandments are summed up in these two: “You shall LOVE the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall LOVE your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”** Also, notice how it says, **“LET your HEART KEEP my COMMANDS.” It sounds a lot like Jesus, when He said “LET not your HEART be troubled.” It is our CHOICE whether we LET ourselves obey God or not.** If we don't obey, we will suffer the consequences.

• **John 14:27** “_____ I leave with you, _____ peace I give unto you; not as the _____ gives, do I give unto you. _____ not your _____ be troubled, neither _____ it be _____.”

• **Titus 3:4 & 14** “But when the _____ and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, _____ by _____ of _____ which we have done, but according to His _____ He saved us, by the washing of regeneration (being born again) and renewing of the Holy Spirit.” (verse 14) “and _____ our people also learn to maintain _____ to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.”

• **Romans 13:8-10** “Owe no man anything except to _____ one another, for he who _____ another has _____ the _____. For the _____,

'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'You shall not covet,' and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, 'You shall _____ your _____ as yourself.' _____ does no harm to a neighbor; therefore _____ is the _____ of the _____."

•**James 2:18** "But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will _____ you my faith _____ my _____.'" "

•**Titus 2:7-8** "In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of _____; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that the one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing _____ to say about you."

•**Colossians 1:10** "That you may have a walk _____ of the _____, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every _____."

•**Matthew 5:16** "Let your light so shine before _____, that they may _____ your _____ and glorify your Father in heaven."

Definition: "Length of days and LONG LIFE and PEACE they will add to you" – Again, as Believers in Jesus Christ, **our obedience to His commandments will IMPROVE the QUALITY of our lives** with a longer life and PEACE from God.

•**Ephesians 6:1-3** "Children, _____ your parents in the _____, for this is right. '_____ your father and mother,' which is the first _____ with _____; 'That it may be well with you and you may live _____ on the earth.'" "

•**Psalms 34:11-14** "Come, you _____, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man who desires _____, and loves _____ that he may see _____? _____ your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do _____; seek _____, and pursue it."

Definition: "Obey in the Lord" — This means to OBEY our human parents as long as they are NOT asking us to do something that is AGAINST a COMMAND of the Lord. The same thing is meant by Eph. 5:21-22 "SUBMITTING to one another in the fear of God. Wives, SUBMIT to your own husbands, **AS TO THE LORD**". We are not to SUBMIT or OBEY church leaders, or a wife is not to obey her husband, if they ask us to do something that is AGAINST A WRITTEN COMMAND of God in the Bible.

3-4 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; **bind them around your NECK, write them on the TABLET of your HEART**, and so **find FAVOR and high ESTEEM in the sight of GOD and MAN**.

•**Proverbs 6:20-21** "My son, Keep your father's _____, and do _____ forsake the _____ of your mother. _____ them continually upon your _____; tie them around your _____."

Definition: "Bind them around your NECK, write them on the TABLET of your HEART" – This is just a figure of speech meaning to KEEP the COMMANDMENTS close TO YOUR HEART, or in OTHER WORDS, memorize God's word.

•**Psalms 119:10-11** "With my whole _____ I have sought _____; O let me not wander from Your _____! Your _____ I have _____ in my _____, that I might not _____ against _____."

Definition: "Find FAVOR and high ESTEEM in the sight of GOD and MAN" – We all like to think that other people will LIKE and ACCEPT us, and even more so that God will ACCEPT us. As followers of Jesus Christ, if we live our lives showing mercy to others and walking in truth (Proverbs 3:3-4), and in "righteousness, peace and JOY in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:18), we will be pleasing to God and also to

other people.

•**Luke 2:52** “And _____ increased in _____ and stature, and in _____ with _____ and _____.”

•**Romans 14:17-18** “For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but _____ and _____ and _____ in the _____. For he who serves _____ in these _____ is _____ to _____ and _____ by _____.”

•**Exodus 12:36** “And the Lord had given the people _____ in the _____ of the _____, so that they granted them _____ they _____. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.”

5-6 **TRUST in the LORD with all your HEART, and LEAN NOT on your own UNDERSTANDING; in all your ways ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, and He shall DIRECT your PATHS.**

•**Ephesians 1:12-13** “That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first _____ in _____. In whom also you _____, after you had heard the word of truth, the _____ of your salvation: in whom also having _____, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,”

•**Romans 4:20-21** “He (Abraham) did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in _____, giving _____ to God, and being _____ that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”

•**Psalms 34:8** “Oh, _____ and see that the _____ is _____; blessed is the man who _____ in Him!”

Definition: “TRUST in the LORD with all your HEART” – To TRUST in the Lord is the same as to BELIEVE in the Lord, but **the emphasis is on ACTING out our belief and faith in Him**, not just having THOUGHTS of faith in Him. It’s like saying, “I believe this chair will hold me up if I sit in it,” but actually TRUSTING in the chair’s ability to hold you up is to SIT down in it! Philippians 2:12-13 says **our salvation must be “WORKED OUT” so that it can be seen on the outside.** Jesus said in Matthew 5:16 that **our good WORKS would be SEEN by men**, and because of them, it would cause men to glorify God. In Romans 4:20-21, it says Abraham was **“fully convinced” in God being able to do what He said, and that is the same as TRUSTING in God.**

•**Matthew 5:16** “Let your light so shine before _____, that they may _____ your _____ and glorify your Father in heaven.”

•**Philippians 2:12-13** “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, _____ your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is _____ who _____ in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”

Definition: “LEAN NOT on your own UNDERSTANDING” – This means “Don’t try to figure out how to fix it yourself” and “don’t try to tell God how to do it” either. We need to give our prayer requests to the Lord, **trust in Him to work it all out**, and let it go, and give Him thanks for the answer.

•**Romans 8:28** “And we know that _____ things _____ together for _____ to those who _____, to those who are the _____ according to His _____.”

•**Genesis 50:20** “But as for you, you meant _____ against me, but _____ meant it for _____, in order to _____ it _____ as it is this day, to save many people alive.”

•**Ephesians 1:11** “In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the _____ of Him who _____ ALL _____ according

to the counsel of His _____.”

• **Ephesians 1:9** “Having made known to us the mystery of His _____, according to His _____ pleasure which He has _____ in Himself;”

Definition: “ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER for GOOD” — Because God is all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving, and all-wise, we can TRUST HIM to know what He is doing **when He ALLOWS certain things to happen in our lives.** But what about when the “bad” things that happen in our lives are the CONSEQUENCES of our own actions — our WRONG CHOICES and sins? The Lord loves us enough to even WORK THESE THINGS for our GOOD, if we will let Him.

• **Ephesians 3:20-21** “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly _____ above _____ that we _____ or _____, according to the power that _____ in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

• **Psalms 37:23-24** “The _____ of a good man are _____ by the Lord, and He _____ in his way. Though he _____, he shall _____ be utterly (completely, finally) cast down; for the Lord _____ him with His hand.”

• **I Thessalonians 5:18** “In everything _____; for this is the _____ of God in Christ Jesus for _____.”

• **Acts 16:24-25** “Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner _____ and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were _____ and _____ to God, and the [other] prisoners were _____ to them.”

• **Psalms 34:1** “I will bless the Lord at _____; His _____ shall _____ be in my mouth.”

7 Do NOT be WISE in your OWN EYES; FEAR the LORD and DEPART from EVIL

• **Proverbs 16:2** “All the _____ of a man are _____ in his _____, but the Lord weighs (judges) the spirits (motives).”

• **Proverbs 14:12** “There is a way that _____ to a man, but its end (final results) is the way of _____.”

• **Psalms 139:23-24** “_____ me, O God, and know my _____; try me (TEST ME), and know my _____, and _____ if there is any _____ way in _____, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Definition: “Do NOT be WISE in your OWN EYES; FEAR the LORD and DEPART from EVIL” – To “be WISE in your OWN EYES” means that YOU think YOU know what is best and right. **We must let God determine what is right and good,** because ALL of OUR BEST THOUGHTS, WORDS and DEEDS are TAINTED or CORRUPTED with EVIL. No HUMAN EFFORT that we do is pure enough to **EARN** God’s favor, because there is always SOME element of pride or selfishness in our MOTIVES.

• **Jeremiah 17:9** “The _____ is _____ above all things, and desperately _____; who can know it?”

• **James 4:8** “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and _____ your _____, you double-minded.”

• **James 2:4** “Have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become _____ with _____ thoughts (MOTIVES)?”

• **Psalms 34:11-14** “Come, you _____, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man who desires _____, and loves _____ that he may see _____? _____ your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do _____; seek _____, and pursue it.”