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Proverbs: Your Smart Guide for Living—10 Principles to Build a Successful Life Tim Hobson, Lead Pastor

Memory Verse:

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:1-2

1. Memorize & Obey God's Word Proverbs 3:3-4

The Word of God is right, perfect, eternal and supreme.

There is nothing as powerful and perfect and wise as God's Word.

Any opinion, philosophy or thought that is contrary to God's Word is a lie.

Use the Word of God as your plum line for truth and you will be greatly blessed.

If it doesn't agree & support God's Word, discard it or it will harm you.

2. Always Choose Love & Faithfulness Proverbs 3:5-6

3. Trust in God Proverbs 3:7-8

Trusting in God is realizing that I don't know as much as God. That God's ways are higher than my ways. That God has insider information that I don't have. It is living in a humble state before God and submitting to His direction knowing that He is for me and has the best in store for me at all times.

4. Shun Evil Proverbs 3:9-10

Shunning evil is recognizing that God's ways are right and true and anything apart from following God's path is destructive.

Evil comes with a huge price tag: Sin takes you farther than you want to go.
Keeps you longer than you want to stay.
Costs you more than you want to pay.

5. Tithe Proverbs 3:11-12

Tithing unleashes the blessing of God in your life because it places your trust in God as opposed to your trust in yourself to provide.

You are meant to be a conduit of God's blessings, not merely a consumer. You are called to multiply and be fruitful...not to hoard and consume.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.

6. Embrace Correction Proverbs 3:13-18

Proverbs 6:23 Correction and instruction are the way to life.

Like a wise man who built his house on the rock is the person who builds his life on God's Word. This person puts God's Word into practice one verse at a time. As it becomes

apparent that an area, attitude or thought in your life is out of alignment with God's truth...comply and realign your life to God's Word. Do not stubbornly resist correction.

7. Seek God's Wisdom Proverbs 3:21-26

What we pursue...our hearts cling to.

God first and everything else will find its proper place. Put anything else before God and nothing will satisfy your soul.

8. Exercise Sound Judgment & Discretion Proverbs 3:27-30

Self-discipline and self-control promote safety and life. To lack discipline or to lose self-control is to open oneself to harm.

9. Be Kind, Generous and Honest with Others Proverbs 3:31-35

i.e. Golden Rule: treat others how you want to be treated.

2 Corinthians 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

10. Choose Mercy over vengeance, Righteousness over wickedness, and Humility over pride.

God's wisdom teaches us to choose mercy, forgiveness and humility. We can reject harsh words & actions against us by knowing who we are in Christ and heal from the sin done against us by renewing ourself in God's love. We do not need to live life as a victim. We can live above the chaos by immersing ourselves in God's love continually. Only then can we offer mercy, forgiveness and walk in humility with other.

Life Group Discussion

1. What does this week's Memory Verse mean to you?
Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
2. Review and briefly discuss each of the 10 Principles for Building a Successful Life and share insights that you have personally discovered.
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 - b. Always Choose Love & Faithfulness
 - c. Trust in God
 - d. Shun Evil
 - e. Tithe
 - f. Embrace Correction
 - g. Seek God's Wisdom
 - h. Exercise Sound Judgment
 - i. Be Kind, Generous & Honest
 - j. Choose Mercy, Righteousness & Humility
3. Encourage and pray for each other to take steps necessary to heed God's wisdom.