

God's Wisdom Nourishes Us

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Proverbs 3:1-10

When I was ten years old, my grandparents gave me a new Bible for Christmas. On the first page, in his strong script, my grandfather wrote "Proverbs 3:6." He didn't write out the verse because he wanted me to have to look it up and memorize it. This reminder to trust in the Lord with all my heart summed up years' worth of lessons my wise grandfather tried to instill in me.

I have heard it said that true wisdom is: "Knowing that you don't know." Proverbs 16:18 cautions us that often pride leads to a fall. When we think we know it all we can become blinded by our own "wisdom" which can lead to overconfidence and harmful results.

The truly wise person will fear God. This fear is not trembling terror, but a respect for and acknowledgement of God's power, holiness and greatness. To fear God signals that we acknowledge our human limitations and our dependence upon God. A posture of fear of God will lead us to shun evil.

The Teacher of Proverbs assured that trusting in God would lead to health, well-being and provision. This is the message my grandfather desired for me to learn as well.

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