

# Proverbs 3 - Words for sons and daughters!

Take the time to go through this chapter of Proverbs and highlight the **advice and benefits** of living wisely - from the Message translation. What works for you? What is it you need to give more attention to?

- Prov. 3:1 Good friend, don't forget all I've taught you; **take to heart** my commands.  
Prov. 3:2 They'll help you live a long, long time, a long life lived full and well.
- Prov. 3:3 Don't lose your grip on **Love and Loyalty**.  
Tie them around your neck; carve their initials on your heart.  
Prov. 3:4 Earn a reputation for living well in God's eyes and the eyes of the people.
- Prov. 3:5 Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own.  
Prov. 3:6 Listen for GOD'S voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;  
he's the one who will keep you on track.  
Prov. 3:7 Don't assume that you know it all. Run to GOD! Run from evil!  
Prov. 3:8 Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life!  
Prov. 3:9 Honor GOD with everything you own; give him the first and the best.  
Prov. 3:10 Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over.  
Prov. 3:11 But don't, dear friend, resent GOD'S discipline; don't sulk under his loving correction.  
Prov. 3:12 It's the child he loves that GOD corrects; a father's delight is behind all this.
- Prov. 3:13 You're blessed when you meet **Lady Wisdom**, when you make friends with Madame Insight.  
Prov. 3:14 She's worth far more than money in the bank; her friendship is better than a big salary.  
Prov. 3:15 Her value exceeds all the trappings of wealth; nothing you could wish for holds a candle to her.  
Prov. 3:16 With one hand she gives long life, with the other she confers recognition.  
Prov. 3:17 Her manner is beautiful, her life wonderfully complete.  
Prov. 3:18 She's the very Tree of Life to those who embrace her. Hold her tight—and be blessed!
- Prov. 3:19 With Lady Wisdom, GOD formed Earth; with Madame Insight, he raised Heaven.  
Prov. 3:20 They knew when to signal rivers and springs to the surface,  
and dew to descend from the night skies.
- Prov. 3:21 ¶ Dear friend, guard **Clear Thinking** and **Common Sense** with your life;  
don't for a minute lose sight of them.  
Prov. 3:22 They'll keep your soul alive and well, they'll keep you fit and attractive.  
Prov. 3:23 You'll travel safely, you'll neither tire nor trip.  
Prov. 3:24 You'll take afternoon naps without a worry, you'll enjoy a good night's sleep.  
Prov. 3:25 No need to panic over alarms or surprises, or predictions that doomsday's just around the corner,  
Prov. 3:26 Because GOD will be right there with you; he'll keep you safe and sound.
- Prov. 3:27 ¶ Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person.  
Prov. 3:28 Don't tell your neighbor, "Maybe some other time," or, "Try me tomorrow,"  
when the money's right there in your pocket.  
Prov. 3:29 Don't figure ways of taking advantage of your neighbor  
when he's sitting there trusting and unsuspecting.
- Prov. 3:30 ¶ Don't walk around with a chip on your shoulder, always spoiling for a fight.  
Prov. 3:31 Don't try to be like those who shoulder their way through life. Why be a bully?  
Prov. 3:32 "Why not?" you say. Because GOD can't stand twisted souls.  
It's the straightforward who get his respect.
- Prov. 3:33 ¶ GOD'S curse blights the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous.  
Prov. 3:34 He gives proud sceptics a cold shoulder, but if you're down on your luck, he's right there to help.  
Prov. 3:35 Wise living gets rewarded with honor; stupid living gets the booby prize.