



# The Truly Successful Life

*Proverbs 3*

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*Be* ~~Have It~~ Your Way.



# Outline

- I. Understands the Path of Wisdom (1-12)
- II. Values the Profit from Wisdom (13-26)
- III. Heeds the Precautions of Wisdom (27-35)

## **Proverbs Purpose:**

“To know wisdom and instruction in order to skillfully interpret and navigate life situations to achieve godly outcomes.”

# I. Understands the Path of Wisdom (1-12)

## A. Knowing and Applying the Law Regularly (1-4)

# Prosperity Gospel?

- A. That would be against the rest of the scriptures (Joseph, Job, Lord Jesus)
- B. This is in line with Moses's Law (Lev. 26 and Deut. 28)
- C. Our heart is to be on the Giver not on the Gift

“The settled happiness and security which we all desire, God withholds from us by the very nature of the world; but joy, pleasure and merriment he has scattered broadcast. We are never safe, but we have plenty of fun, and some ecstasy. It is not hard to see why. The security we all crave would teach us to rest our hearts in this world and oppose an obstacle to our return to God; a few moments of happy love, a landscape, a symphony, a merry meeting with our friends, a bath or a football match, have no such tendency. Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home .”

*C. S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain (New York: Macmillan, 1972), p. 115.*

# I. Understands the Path of Wisdom (1-12)

A. Knowing and Applying the Law Regularly (1-4)

B. Trusting the Lord Fully (5-8)

1. Entirely – With ALL our Heart

2. Exclusively – Leaning on Him Alone

3. Extensively – In ALL our Ways

C. Honoring the Lord Generously (9-10)

D. Submitting to the Lord's Discipline Wholeheartedly (11-12)



## II. Values the Profit from Wisdom (13-26)

- A. Applies to All in regards to blessing and life (13-18)
- B. Applies to God in creating and sustaining everything (19-20)
- C. Applies to the Son in the daily routine of life (21-26)

# III. Heeds the Precautions of Wisdom (27-35)

A. In not withholding good (27-28)

B. In not contending without cause (29-31)

C. In not forgetting the Lord's heart (32-35)

1. For the Upright (32)

2. For the Righteous (33)

3. For the Afflicted (34)

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## Summary:

The truly successful life is one that seeks, with God's help, to abandon the 'Burger King philosophy,' and with His help, trusts Him with ALL their heart and acknowledges Him in all their ways.