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PROVERBS TO LIVE BY

PROVERBS 3:19-20; 3:13

Proverbs 3:19-20^a says, ***The LORD by Wisdom founded the earth. By understanding He established the heavens. By His knowledge...*** Wisdom is defined as knowledge and understanding how to use the knowledge. It is not enough to simply know things; it is in knowing how to best apply what we know, a proper understanding.

God, in His Wisdom, understood how to create the world, mankind, and all that is in the world. All true wisdom flows from Him.

Proverbs 3:13 (NKJV) says, ***“Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding.”*** Verse 14 says, ***“it is far better than silver and gold (all material things).”***

We have often made unwise choices. We reap consequences from those choices which often lead to regrets. God is the fountainhead of wisdom and understanding. James 1:5 (NKJV) says, ***“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask o God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (v6) But let him ask in faith, with no doubting...”*** Ask him for it.

The Bible tells us that the “wisdom of man” is as foolishness in God’s eyes. What we think we know is often used without true understanding of its implications. On the other hand, Psalm 19:7 tells us, ***“...the testimony (word) of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple (minded).”*** God can give wisdom and understanding to anyone who trusts Him alone for it.

Be wise, be happy. Be confident in the LORD.