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WISDOM
PROVERBS 3:13-35

Today we remain in Chapter Three of Proverbs as it tells us of the benefits of wisdom in Proverbs 3:13-35.

The Bible equates wisdom with understanding, and not just any understanding. It is based on the knowledge of God and His ways so that we may have right thinking and right actions. It is imparted to us from God and not just human reasoning or knowledge. Human wisdom is as foolishness to God.

How do you gain wisdom? One might say that life's lessons, often learned the hard way, bring wisdom with experience. It is a fallacy. Many people get those "hard lessons" but never learn from them and they never change.

True wisdom with understanding comes from God. You can gain much of your wisdom by reading the Bible, then studying it in deeper detail.

You can gain a little of it by listening to and learning from other people, especially older ones, who "have it together."

But the best way is to earnestly ask God for His wisdom to be imparted into you. James 1:5 says, ***"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God (who) giveth to all (people) liberally...and it shall be given him."***

So now let us see what Proverbs 3 says are the benefits:

Verse 13. Happiness.

Verse 14. Better than money (silver or gold).

Verse 15. Better than rubies (precious jewels or gemstones).

Verse 16. Long life; riches; honor.

Verse 17. Pleasantness; peace.

Verse 18. A tree of life.

Verse 22. Life to your soul and grace (favor) to you.

Verse 23. Safety.

Verse 24. Sweet sleep.

Verse 25. No fear.

Verse 26. Brings confidence.

With so much benefit to it, shouldn't we all be asking God daily for His wisdom? Verse 35 says, ***"The wise shall inherit glory."*** There is nothing more blessed than the glory of God upon us.