

Bedford Street Church of Christ ^^^ LBC  
**Are You Being Wise or Are You Being Foolish?**

Summary Handout #3a ~ From the Previous Study  
**(Chapter 3)** Date Distributed: 7/24/22

*These notes are NOT exhaustive but meant to provide a summary. Summary notes will not be provided for each chapter studied. These notes will also be provided as a paper copy on 7/24/22 but will not be a part of Sunday's discussion.*

**Chapter 3 has 2 speeches of Solomon and a message from Lady Wisdom.**

Repeating words in this chapter (*some of these repeating words may have been seen in previous chapters*): wisdom, understanding, knowledge, long life, prosperity/riches, the pathway language

Protection themes/language in this chapter: safety, not stumble, not be afraid, sweet sleep, no fear, keep foot from being snared,

**Speeches found in 3:1-12 and 21 - 35**

**Exhortation:**

- Don't forget, keep my commands, they will add years to your life, they will make you prosperous, keep sound judgment-keep doing what is right, use common sense, don't let it slip away from you

**Lesson:**

- Embed the message of wisdom in your heart (the very center of your existence, that which rules your thoughts and behaviors), keep wisdom VERY close to you.
- Don't trust in yourself (trust in the LORD)-to trust is to lie helpless, facedown.
- Put God first and let him guide you/He will determine your pathways
- Don't think you are smarter than you are. FEAR GOD (put him in the right place in your life).
- There is physical, health benefits to righteous living
- When you honor the Lord with your money (give to him first), He will bless you for that. You can't outgive God.
- Don't choose to be like evil, violent, wicked people. God hates this type of behavior.

**Conclusion:**

- Don't resent discipline and correction. It's one of the ways God teaches and trains us and demonstrates that we are his children and that he loves for us.
- God is a friend to godly, righteous people. The Lord has a curse on the wicked & a blessing on the righteous. Honors the humble but not the fool.

Lynne, you put some things in the LESSON section that I would have put in the EXHORTATION section or some things in the LESSON section that I would have put in the CONCLUSION section.

My response is, "Did you receive the scriptural message that was intended in the passage itself? If so, that is what is most important." What is the wisdom lesson? Now apply it!

**In the message of Lady Wisdom (3:13-20), what is her message?**

- There is a blessing for finding wisdom and understanding and applying them.
- Wisdom is better/more profitable than money/riches/financial wealth. If her riches are not necessarily – what are the riches, you ask?
  - Long life, honor, pleasant life, peaceful life, general blessings
- THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN EVER DESIRE IS **WISDOM.**
- Eat the fruit of wisdom. She (wisdom) is like a life-giving tree.
- Pathway language – pleasant ways, peaceful pathways.
- She brings health benefits – long life
- Do you want to be blessed? Embrace, seek, and apply wisdom to your life.
- God used WiSDOM to create the Universe. Shouldn't we use it to live in the very universe that He created?

Other important points may have resonated with you as you read the chapter or as you sat in the class and were a part of the discussion. Write them down in this section of the handout.

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What is the importance of chapters 1-9 to the chapters that follow in Proverbs?

Proverbs Chapters 1 – 9 records ten (10) speeches from the father to the son and four (4) Poems. As we read these speeches, look for the pattern: an exhortation, a lesson, and a conclusion.

- 1:8-19 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2:1-22 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3:1-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3:21-35 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 4:1-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 4:10-19 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 4:20-27 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 5:1-23 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 6:20-35 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 7:1-27 \_\_\_\_\_  
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4 Poems from Lady Wisdom – How does she communicate and what is her message?

- Proverbs 1:20-33
- Proverbs 3:13-20
- Proverbs 8:1-36
- Proverbs 9:1-18

A thought I want to hang onto