

Proverbs 3:1-12 The Blessed life of Wisdom

¹ My son, do not forget my teaching,

* A call for life long commitment

But let your heart keep my commandments;

² For length of days and years of life

1) You can avoid an untimely death and a painful life

And peace they will add to you.

³ Do not let kindness and truth leave you;

be loyal to God's word and loving to man

Bind them around your neck, follow God all of your life

Write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴ So you will find favor and good repute

2) and find honor among men
(Luke 2:52)

In the sight of God and man.

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart

How? Trust God in all of your life, .
..not yourself

And do not lean on your own understanding;

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, recognize His word in all of life

And He will make your paths straight.

3) and God will remove unwanted obstacles
the stumbling blocks that we create

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;

Don't think that you know it all!

Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

walk before the eyes
of God...

⁸ It will be healing to your body
lit. "NAVEL"

4) Enjoy a life that has an absence
of self-created pain

And refreshment to your bones.

⁹ Honor the LORD from your wealth

Solomon gives you an example
- the tithe

And from the first of all your produce;
an act of faith

¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty

5) And enjoy a life that experiences
the supernatural hand of God

And your vats will overflow with new wine.

The text begins and ends with affection

¹¹My son do not reject the discipline of the LORD

Or loathe His reproof,

Don't be resistant to the fatherly discipline of God

¹²For whom the LORD loves He reproofs,

Like a father He wants what's best

Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights