

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# PROVERBS 3

## Proverbs 3

Proverbs three is learned and quoted by Jews and non-Jews. The writer admonishes all who would walk after God to not forget the Torah, "Divine Instruction" and Mitzvu'ot, "Commandments, orders, or directives." God continually tells us not to forget what He told us. As a loving Father, He knows what is best for every Image Bearer. He even says to allow "chesed" translated mercy in verse three, and truth "emet" all that which is faithful, trustworthy, and reliable, to be hung about the neck. But by far the most familiar passages in Proverbs three are verses five and six.

***"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."***

Trust is the common Hebrew word for trust or put confidence in someone, but the word is more than that in a word picture. The expression in the text expresses the concept of totally "falling down on one's face before someone else." It is the picture of the follower of God falling before Him in surrender and reliance upon Him as King, Master, Provider, and Protector. That is a good

description of a disciple. The follower is admonished not to lean and trust in one's own insight, instinct, and intuition; it simply is not enough, and our hearts are wicked and cannot be trusted. When you hear someone say, "trust your heart" that may be well intended, but it is dangerous counsel. Trust in God's Word, the Bible. The writer goes on in verse six to instruct that in every arena of your life, you must learn to acknowledge God and give Him His rightful place of Master and Ruler of our lives. The promise from heaven is that if we do these things as a way of life, with a heart to obey, God will direct the path you should follow. That is assurance. God sometime re-directs through guidance and discipline according to verse twelve. Don't forget the words of the writer of Hebrews chapter 12:12-17. God "disciplines" every child He receives.

Read chapter three entirely once more, and this time look for instruction and promises concerning honoring God with your substance, your money.

### ***Prayer and Action Steps***

Lord, thank you for your guidance and for your constant guidance in my life. Please show me your way and enable me by your grace to walk in your path. Amen

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

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