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An Active Study in Wisdom

- It was 1987 and graduation was just days away..

Review:

- Wisdom calls us to Listen, Learn, Receive, Give (Teach)

Proverbs 3:1-12 (HCSB)

My son, don't forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commands; **2** for they will bring you many days, a full life, and well-being.

- Don't forget what I'm teaching you!

- We keep God's commandments out of love for him, not because of force

- God has a plan for you from your birth to your death and beyond. No one else can claim this

3 Never let loyalty and faithfulness leave you. Tie them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. **4** Then you will find favor and high regard in the sight of God and man.

- Our father wants us to be like him!

Exodus 34:6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness

- Steadfast love and faithfulness wins you favor with God and with others

- We do this through memorization

- One week challenge: as a community group memorize Proverbs 3:3-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; **6** think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths.

- Trust in what God knows, not in what you know

- Constantly ask the question, what does God say about this in his word?

THREE WAYS WE ARE CALLED TO TRUST GOD:

I. With our knowledge

7 Don't consider yourself to be wise; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. **8** This will be healing for your body and strengthening for your bones.

- Don't get caught in the trap in thinking you know what you are doing by yourself

- Fear the Lord and turn to him for EVERYTHING

James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

- This gives you strength and healing from all of the horrible decisions you have made

II. With our money/stuff

9 Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest; **10**



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then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

- We show honor to that which we spend our money on
- We are to honor God with first-fruits, not leftovers

- God takes care of his own. Full barns and new wine

III. With our acceptance of discipline

11 Do not despise the Lord's instruction, my son, and do not loathe His discipline; **12** for the Lord disciplines the one He loves, just as a father, the son he delights in.

- Are you thankful for discipline or do hate it?

Proverbs 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

- Godly discipline is an act of love
- This is going to hurt me more than its going to hurt you....

- Today, I'm married to a wonderful woman named Selina, I have three awesome kids, I'm privileged to be one of your pastors, and I love south Texas.