Studies In Proverbs
Lesson 3
How To Be Successful In Life

The wisdom in Proverbs is many-sided in nature, but primarily it points in three directions:
b. Outward toward people, Proverbs 8:20; 7:1-5.
Note: By exercising wisdom in these three directions we can be successful in life.

Briefly Stated, Success In Life Involves Three Things:
a. Acting wisely toward God.
b. Acting wisely toward people.
c. Acting wisely toward self.

Things Involved In Acting Wisely Toward God

Paying attention to the word of God, Proverbs 3:1-4.
1. By so doing you stand a better chance of:
a. Enjoying length of days and inward peace, cf. Proverbs 4:10; Ephesians 6:1-3

Things Involved In Acting Wisely Toward God

2. With humility, "and lean not unto thine own understanding," Proverbs 3:5; 14:12; 16:25; Isaiah 31:1; Psalms 146:3.
Things Involved In Acting Wisely Toward God

Fearing the Lord, Proverbs 3:7-8.


Honoring the Lord with your Material Possessions, Proverbs 3:9,10; Exodus 23:19; Deuteronomy 26:1-2.

1. Giving is an important subject in the New Testament.
   b. Jesus gave Himself to die for us, John 10:11.
   c. Christians gave themselves, 2 Corinthians 8:5.
   d. God wants us to give of our means, 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7.
2. Give to the Lord, and the Lord will give to you, Proverbs 3:9,10; Deuteronomy 28:8; Matthew 6:33.

Humbly Accepting the Chastening of the Lord, Proverbs 3:11,12; Revelation 3:19; Hebrews 12:5-7.

2. We must not:

We must find wisdom because:

1. It is the way to true happiness, Proverbs 3:13.
2. It is extremely valuable, Proverbs 3:14-15.
3. It gives length of days, honor, and pleasantness, Proverbs 3:16-18.


1. Pay it as soon as you can, Proverbs 3:27,28.
2. One debt all of us owe is the debt of love, Romans 13:8; Matthew 22:35-40; Luke 10:25-37
Things Involved in Acting Wisely Toward Men, Proverbs 3:2

Not harming your neighbor, Proverbs 3:29,30.
Some ways to harm a person involves:

Things Involved in Acting Wisely Toward Men, Proverbs 3:2

Not envying your wicked neighbor, Proverbs 3:31; 23:17; 24:1,19; Psalms 73:3,16,17,18; James 3:16.
1. He will suffer the consequences of his evil deeds, Proverbs 3:31,32,
2. God gives grace to the humble, Proverbs 3:34; Matthew 5:3; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5.

Things Involved in Acting Wisely Toward Self

A. Keeping your Heart with all Diligence, Proverbs 4:23.
   1. This includes keeping it pure and clean, 1 Timothy 5:22.

B. Avoiding those things which destroy health and happiness, such as:

If You Are Wise In Your Conduct Toward God, Man, And Self, You Will Be Successful In What Counts!
The wise are blessed, Proverbs 3:2,4, 14-26. If you are wise:
1. You stand a greater chance of enjoying length of days and peace, Proverbs 3:2,16-18.
3. You have greater chance for material prosperity, Proverbs 3:10,16.
6. You will be honored by God, Proverbs 3:35.

Conclusion