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Filled With Wisdom

Do you want me to bless your life? Do you want to be filled with wisdom? Do you want to have understanding? Do you want to live a long life that is filled with riches and honor? Do you want me to lead you on a pleasant way and on a peaceful path? Yes, of course I want all these things. Who wouldn't want these things? Only a fool wouldn't want to have your blessing on their life. **There you have hit upon what is true.** What's that? **There is a foolish way to live a life. There is a wise way to live a life. I want you to describe each one of them to me.** Me, do I know? **Yes, you know.** If you say so, here goes. A fool pursues the riches of this life. Their life is one long pursuit of all this world has to offer. They spend their life chasing after material things like gold and silver and fine jewels. They live for the moment. Their life is all about enjoying comfort and pursuing pleasure. They give no thought to the brevity of this life. Their heart and mind and life are focused on only they can acquire and make their own. **Why is that so foolish?** We all came into this world with nothing. We are all just passing through this life. Whatever this world offers will never come with us into eternity. **That is true.** But this isn't the only foolishness of that kind of life. **What else is foolish?** This foolish life is self-centered, self-sufficient, and self-indulgent. It leads all those who pursue it on a troublesome path filled with pain and suffering, bruising and brokenness. A short, stressful life, full of anxiety, await all those who go down this path. **That is true.** But the real foolish is not pursuing you. The ultimate and most costly mistake is not living the life you have called us to live. **What kind of life have I called you to live?** You want me to pursue, embrace, and lay hold of you and your wisdom. You are my Savior and Lord. You want me to live my life with and for you. You want me to live and walk in an intimate relationship with you, in the new life you have given to me. That is a path that leads to peace. That is a path that leads to a long life now, and eternal life in the future. That is a life that you will bless. **Yes, it is. Will you pursue me and the life that I am calling you to live?** Yes, Lord. I will. **That is very good. That is wise. That is the path on which I will lead you.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I know your wisdom is more valuable than silver or gold or any precious jewels. Nothing from this life can compare with your wisdom. I will pursue you, embrace and lay hold of your wisdom. I will live the life you are calling me to live with and for you. Amen

Promises*Who Finds Wisdom*

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NIV

Proverbs 3:13-18

Promises*Who Finds Wisdom*

Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding. For wisdom is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold. Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. She offers you long life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left. She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying. Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly.

NLT

Proverbs 3:13-18

Promises*Who Find Wisdom*

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

NRSV

Proverbs 3:13-18

Promises *Who Finds Skillful And Godly Wisdom*

Happy (blessed, fortunate, enviable) is the man who finds skillful and godly Wisdom, and the man who gets understanding [drawing it forth from God's Word and life's experiences], For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver, and the profit of it better than fine gold. Skillful and godly Wisdom is more precious than rubies; and nothing you can wish for is to be compared to her. Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are highways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold on her; and happy (blessed, fortunate, to be envied) is everyone who holds her fast.

AMP

Proverbs 3:13-18

Promises*Who Finds Wisdom*

How blessed is the man who finds wisdom And the man who gains understanding. For her profit is better than the profit of silver And her gain better than fine gold. She is more precious than jewels; And nothing you desire compares with her. Long life is in her right hand; In her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways And all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who hold her fast.

NASB

Proverbs 3:13-18

Promises*Who Finds Wisdom*

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed.

ESV

Proverbs 3:13-18

Promises*Who Finds Wisdom*

Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.

NKJV

Proverbs 3:13-18

Promises*Meet Lady Wisdom*

You're blessed when you meet Lady Wisdom, when you make friends with Madame Insight. She's worth far more than money in the bank; her friendship is better than a big salary. Her value exceeds all the trappings of wealth; nothing you could wish for holds a candle to her. With one hand she gives long life, with the other she confers recognition. Her manner is beautiful, her life wonderfully complete. She's the very Tree of Life to those who embrace her. Hold her tight—and be blessed!

MSG

Proverbs 3:13-18

Promises*Knows Right From Wrong*

The man who knows right from wrong and has good judgment and common sense is happier than the man who is immensely rich! For such wisdom is far more valuable than precious jewels. Nothing else compares with it. Wisdom gives: A long, good life, Riches, Honor, Pleasure, Peace. Wisdom is a tree of life to those who eat her fruit; happy is the man who keeps on eating it.

TLB

Proverbs 3:13-18

Promises*Who Finds Wisdom*

Happy is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gets understanding. Wisdom is worth more than silver; it brings more profit than gold. Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you could want is equal to it. With her right hand wisdom offers you a long life, and with her left hand she gives you riches and honor. Wisdom will make your life pleasant and will bring you peace. As a tree produces fruit, wisdom gives life to those who use it, and everyone who uses it will be happy.

NCV

Proverbs 3:13-18

Who Finds Wisdom

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Proverbs 3:13-18

In Context: Read Proverbs 3

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I know your wisdom is more valuable than silver or gold or any precious jewels. Nothing from this life can compare with your wisdom. I will pursue you, embrace and lay hold of your wisdom. I will live the life you are calling me to live with and for you. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why is wisdom more profitable than silver or gold or precious jewels?

How are you desiring wisdom above all the earthly riches of this life?

Why will foolishness shorten a life, while wisdom will lengthen a life?

How has living a life of wisdom guided you on pleasant and peaceful paths?

When has following a foolish path cause you pain, suffering and hardship?

When has living a life of wisdom brought you true riches and honor?

How is pursuing, embracing, and laying hold of wisdom blessing your life?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Pursue, embrace and lay hold of the life of wisdom that the Lord has for you to live with and for Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will give you His wisdom when you pursue, embrace and lay hold of it above all else.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are pursuing the life of wisdom that the Lord has for you.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you pursue, embrace, and lay hold of wisdom from the Lord.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will pursue, embrace, and lay hold of your wisdom.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I pursue, embrace, and lay hold of your wisdom today?
