

How to Get the Most Out of Life

Text: Proverbs 3:1-12

Introduction

The New Testament has much to say about the Christian's daily walk, but so does the Old Testament. We are already beginning to see that Proverbs is packed with practical *life principles* for our daily living.

It has been said, "There are no guarantees in life." However, nothing could be farther from the truth. The Bible does give us some guarantees. If you study your Bible, you will find that God has both *natural* laws and *spiritual* laws. It is a guarantee, if violate God's law's, there are consequences! On the other hand, if you obey God's laws, there are blessings!

I. _____ God's Word & Don't _____ It (vv. 1-4).

A. _____ it and live (vv. 1-2).

BLESSING: _____ life (v.2), and _____ life (v.4).

B. _____ it and grow (vv. 3-4; i.e., "*bind them*").

BLESSING: _____

II. _____ God & Not _____ (vv.5-6).

=LIFE PRINCIPLE #5 _____

A. Rest in His _____ (v.5; i.e., don't prop yourself, but lean on Him).

B. Recognize His _____ (v.6).

BLESSING: A _____ Life

III. _____ God & Not _____ (vv. 7-8).

A. Man's _____ does not fear God (Psa. 36:1; Rom. 3:18).

B. God's wisdom hates _____ (v.7b; 8:13).

BLESSING: A _____ Life (v.8).

IV. Put God _____ & Not _____ (vv. 9-10).

=LIFE PRINCIPLE #6 _____

A. All your _____ (“*substance*”) is to honor God (v.9a).

B. All our _____ is to be tithed on the firstfruits (v.9b).

BLESSING: A _____ life (v.10).

Conclusion

Verses 11-12 describe the chastisement that comes at those times we disobey, or “*forget*” the law (cf. v.1). If we forget, forsake and ignore God’s Word, we will suffer the consequences. If a person has no consequences, they had better check their salvation (cf. Heb. 12:8).