

## THE BENEFITS OF GODLY WISDOM

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Heavenly wisdom is often the topic under consideration in the book of Proverbs. Often, wisdom is personified as an elegant lady. It is so pictured in a section of Proverbs which begins with the words of Proverbs 3:13: *“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.”*

The following verses explain why such is the case. Solomon declares that wisdom is such a great treasure because of: *Her Profit (Prov. 3:14) “For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.”*

Earlier the wise man had stated, *“If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.”* When seeking heaven’s wisdom the return on one’s investment is tremendous. *Her Preciousness (Prov. 3:15) “She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.”* Later, Solomon penned the words: *“For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it” (Prov. 8:11).* Wisdom is indeed a precious commodity. *Her Provisions (Prov. 3:16) “Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor.”* This is a general statement and not an unconditional guarantee. However, one who seeks heaven’s wisdom is much more likely to live a longer and more blessed life. *Her Pleasantness (Prov. 3:17a) “Her ways are ways of pleasantness....”*

One’s attitude and actions towards others are enhanced by wisdom. Wisdom is pleasant in disposition. *Her Peace (Prov. 3:17b) “...and all her paths are peace.”* One guided by godly wisdom will travel a path of peace with his fellow man and with his own conscience. 1. We believe in the sanctity of marriage and the home; that one man should be married to one woman in a life-long relationship, and that it is only in this relationship children should be brought into the world. 2. We believe that homosexual relationships are immoral, and very dangerous to the future welfare of America. 3. We believe in helping the needy; but do not believe our government should take the taxpayers money and give it away to people who are lazy and irresponsible for the sake of getting their votes. 4. We believe that human life is sacred, and should be protected from the time of conception. 5. We believe that the casual/nonmedical use of drugs (including all alcoholic beverages) is a plague that must be controlled with the same efforts used to control tuberculosis, typhoid and rabies. 6. We believe that every form of gambling is just *Her Permanence (Prov. 3:18) “She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.”* Wisdom looks to the eternal and not merely to the temporal affairs of life (cf. II Cor. 4:18). No wonder Solomon began by saying, *“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom.”*