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The Proverbs Series #3

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### Dad's Wisdom

**Proverbs 2:1-22** <sup>1</sup>My son, if you accept my words and hide my commandments within you, <sup>2</sup>if you incline your ear to wisdom and direct your heart to understanding, <sup>3</sup>if you truly call out to insight and lift your voice to understanding, <sup>4</sup>if you seek it like silver and search it out like hidden treasure, <sup>5</sup>then you will discern the fear of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup>For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. <sup>7</sup>He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk with integrity, <sup>8</sup>to guard the paths of justice and protect the way of His saints. <sup>9</sup>Then you will discern righteousness and justice and equity—every good path. <sup>10</sup>For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will delight your soul. <sup>11</sup>Discretion will watch over you, and understanding will guard you, <sup>12</sup>to deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perversity, <sup>13</sup>from those who leave the straight paths to walk in the ways of darkness, <sup>14</sup>from those who enjoy doing evil and rejoice in the twistedness of evil, <sup>15</sup>whose paths are crooked and whose ways are devious. <sup>16</sup>It will rescue you from the forbidden woman, from the stranger with seductive words <sup>17</sup>who abandons the partner of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God. <sup>18</sup>For her house sinks down to death, and her tracks to the departed spirits. <sup>19</sup>None who go to her return or negotiate the paths of life. <sup>20</sup>So you will follow in the ways of the good, and keep to the paths of the righteous. <sup>21</sup>For the upright will inhabit the land, and the blameless will remain in it; <sup>22</sup>but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be uprooted. (BSB)

Intro: This was originally written in Hebrew. There are some unique aspects of Hebrew writing that need to be understood before you can get what the author is trying to say.

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. This is a father giving **godly** advice to his son. V.1
- B. There is a big emphasis on **accepting** and **applying** God's words to our life. V.1-3
- C. We are encouraged to highly value God's **commandments**. V.4-5
- D. There is a **protection** on those who highly value God's word. V.6-7
- E. The righteous will receive **guidance**. V.8
- F. The righteous will receive **joy**. V.9-10
- G. We will be protected from having our life destroyed by evil **choices**. V.11-19
- H. God's word will **keep** us where we need to be. V.20

II. What can we learn from this passage?

- A. We need to be **intentional** in passing on our love for God's word to the next generation. Christianity is only one generation from extinction in America.
- B. Our families must be **committed** to godliness.
- C. We cannot be what God **wants** without knowing what God **wants**.
- D. We must put into **practice** what we know God has told us.
- E. We must discern the difference between **joy** and **happiness**.
- F. We must not **live in** fear of evil or evil people.
- G. It is important that we commit to small **accountability** groups.