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The Proverbs Series #5

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### **A Home For Wisdom**

**Proverbs 3:11-35** <sup>11</sup>My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD, and do not loathe His rebuke; <sup>12</sup>for the LORD disciplines the one He loves, as does a father the son in whom he delights. <sup>13</sup>Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who acquires understanding, <sup>14</sup>for she is more profitable than silver, and her gain is better than fine gold. <sup>15</sup>She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire compares with her. <sup>16</sup>Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. <sup>17</sup>All her ways are pleasant, and all her paths are peaceful. <sup>18</sup>She is a tree of life to those who embrace her, and those who lay hold of her are blessed. <sup>19</sup>The LORD founded the earth by wisdom and established the heavens by understanding. <sup>20</sup>By His knowledge the watery depths were broken open, and the clouds dripped with dew. <sup>21</sup>My son, do not lose sight of this: Preserve sound judgment and discernment. <sup>22</sup>They will be life to your soul and adornment to your neck. <sup>23</sup>Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. <sup>24</sup>When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you rest, your sleep will be sweet. <sup>25</sup>Do not fear sudden danger or the ruin that overtakes the wicked, <sup>26</sup>for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from the snare. <sup>27</sup>Do not withhold good from the deserving when it is within your power to act. <sup>28</sup>Do not tell your neighbor, "Come back tomorrow and I will provide"—when you already have the means. <sup>29</sup>Do not devise evil against your neighbor, for he trustfully dwells beside you. <sup>30</sup>Do not accuse a man without cause, when he has done you no harm. <sup>31</sup>Do not envy a violent man or choose any of his ways; <sup>32</sup>for the LORD detests the perverse, but He is a friend to the upright. <sup>33</sup>The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the righteous. <sup>34</sup>He mocks the mockers, but gives grace to the humble. <sup>35</sup>The wise will inherit honor, but fools are held up to shame. (BSB)

**Intro:** Hebrew wisdom literature often uses a combination of restatements and contrasting truth.

I. Here are the details of this passage.

**A.** God's **discipline** shows His love for us. V. 11-12

**B.** Wisdom is personified as a **woman**. V. 13-18 The **benefits** of listening to her are: you will acquire something more valuable than money, a pleasant and peaceful life and a blessed life.

**C.** All things were **created** by the wisdom of God. V.19-20

**D.** Our souls are **blessed** when we seek the wisdom of God in all things. V.21-22

**E.** **Calmness** will guard our waking and our sleeping. V.23-24

- F. We will not be **rattled** when bad things come our way. V.25-26
- G. We are to **help** those within our realm of influence. V. 27-28 (Disclaimer from the book of Galatians.)
- H. Live at **peace** with those around us. V.29-30
- I. May our home be viewed by those around us as a home of a **righteous** family. V.31-33
- J. Humility and wisdom will bring **honor** to us and to those around us. V.34-35

II. How can we apply these truths?

- A. **View** hard times through the lens of God's love for us.
- B. **See** the wisdom of God in all things.
- C. **Live** with the assurance that there is a God who is in charge and He can be trusted.
- D. **Look** for the blessings of God. Take time to praise Him for what you have and to receive contentment for things that you don't have.
- E. Don't **give room** for worry. Worry shows us trying to be our own God.
- F. **Ask** those who know you most if you trust in God. **Receive** the hard truth with humility and the praise with graciousness.
- G. Be **generous** with those who are experiencing heavy burdens and learn to say no when it is appropriate.
- H. Be a **leader** in your home for what it means to be godly.