

**Mark every occurrence of the words “do not” in Proverbs 3:**

- (1) My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments;
- (2) For length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.
- (3) Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
- (4) So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man.
- (5) Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.
- (6) In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.
- (7) Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil.
- (8) It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones.
- (9) Honor the LORD from your wealth and from the first of all your produce;
- (10) So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.
- (11) My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD or loathe His reproof,
- (12) For whom the LORD loves He reproveth, even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.
- (13) How blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gains understanding.
- (14) For her profit is better than the profit of silver and her gain better than fine gold.
- (15) She is more precious than jewels; and nothing you desire compares with her.
- (16) Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.
- (17) Her ways are pleasant ways and all her paths are peace.
- (18) She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who hold her fast.
- (19) The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, by understanding He established the heavens.
- (20) By His knowledge the deeps were broken up and the skies drip with dew.
- (21) My son, let them not vanish from your sight; keep sound wisdom and discretion,
- (22) So they will be life to your soul and adornment to your neck.
- (23) Then you will walk in your way securely and your foot will not stumble.
- (24) When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
- (25) Do not be afraid of sudden fear nor of the onslaught of the wicked when it comes;
- (26) For the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being

caught.

(27) Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

(28) Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it,"

when you have it with you.

(29) Do not devise harm against your neighbor, while he lives securely beside you.

(30) Do not contend with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm.

(31) Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways.

(32) For the devious are an abomination to the LORD; but He is intimate with the upright.

(33) The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked,  
but He blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

(34) Though He scoffs at the scoffers, yet He gives grace to the afflicted.

(35) The wise will inherit honor, but fools display dishonor.

#### **DO NOT**

forget my teaching 3:1

let kindness and truth leave you 3:3

lean on your own understanding 3:5

be wise in your own eyes 3:7

reject the discipline of the LORD 3:11

be afraid of sudden fear 3:25

withhold good from those to whom it is due 3:27

say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back tomorrow"  
3:28

devise harm against your neighbor 3:29

contend with a man without cause 3:30

envy a man of violence / choose any of his ways 3:31

#### **OLD TESTAMENT**

##### ***OT Context: The Law***

Exo 22:26-27; Deu 24:12-15; Lev 19:13

##### ***OT Examples of Withholding Good***

Deu 23:3-4; 1Sa 25:8-11; 1Ki 17:10-16

#### **NEW TESTAMENT**

##### ***Jesus' interpretation of the Law***

Luk 10:25-37

##### ***Other NT cross-references***

Mt 5: 7; Mt 25:35-40; Acts 9:36; Gal 6:10; Jas 2:15-16; 1 Jn 3:17-18

#### ***Discussion Questions***

What are some reasons / excuses people use when they withhold good from someone in need?

Can we do good outwardly and still sin inwardly? What are some examples of this?

In general, why do people procrastinate?

What are some of the problems related to procrastination?

What are some ways we can apply these verses to our own lives?

### ***Life Application Questions***

1. What are some ways you can apply these verses to your own life? Do you have any thoughts you need to correct? Are there any actions you need to take?

2. Do you know someone who is having difficulty and needs mercy and compassion? How can you minister to that person?

3. Think of a time in the past when you missed an opportunity to do good to someone. Examine why you missed this opportunity. How did you feel later? If a similar situation arose again, how could you handle it differently?

4. What gifts and talents has God blessed you with? What are some ways you can use your gifts to help others in need?

### **Next Time**

April 14. Study Pro 3: 29-31

Use your dictionary or bible study tools to prepare for our next meeting. Work on memorization.

### **Optional Bible Study**

1) If you have additional time during our break, work on your observation skills.

- Read through Proverbs 8 and compare it to Proverbs 3.
- How is Chapter 8 similar to Chapter 3?
- What words, phrases, metaphors, or ideas are found in both?
- How are the two chapters different?

2) Use the dictionary or bible study tools to look up the Proverbs keywords

“wisdom,” “knowledge,” “understanding,” and “fool.”