

Relating Wisely to God and People

God's Revolutionary Wisdom (Part 20)

Proverbs 3:1-4

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¹ My son: my law, do not forget,
And my commandments, let your heart guard;
² For length of days and years of life,
And peace will they add to you;

³ Lovingkindness¹ and faithfulness,² let them not
abandon you,
Bind them upon your neck,
Write them upon the tablet of your heart.
⁴ And you will find grace and good intelligence
In the eyes of God and man. [DJP]

Introduction:

I. The _____ ations (3:1-2)

A. Right Mix (v. 1)

1. Intimacy (“My son”)
2. _____ (“My law...my commandments”)

B. Wrong Action (v. 1a)

1. What not to do: “_____”

Deut 6:10-15
Judg 3:7
Luke 8:7, 14
James 1:23-25

2. What not to do it to: “my law”

C. Right Action (v. 1b)

1. What to do: “guard”
 - a. How to do that in Proverbs
 - i. Not forgetting (____:____)
 - ii. Keeping in sight (____:____)
 - iii. Keeping a firm grasp (____:____)
 - iv. Not neglecting (____:____)
2. What to do it *with*: “your heart”
3. What to do it *to*: “my commandments”

D. Promised Blessing (v. 2)

1. The promises in proverbs: principles for understanding
 - a. The _____ dimension
 - b. The *dispensational* dimension
 - c. The _____ dimension
2. The promise of life and peace
 - a. From Solomon’s stance (11:7; 12:28)

¹ Or “loyalty,” “covenant-kindness.”

² Or “truth.”

- b. From our stance (John 5:24; 11:25–26; Romans 5:1)

II. The _____ tions (3:3-4)

A. Qualities (v. 3)

1. “Lovingkindness”
 - a. The word
 - b. In Solomon’s Bible
 - i. *First* occurrence: Genesis 19:19
 - ii. *Second*:: Genesis 20:13
 - iii. *Third* occurrence: Genesis 21:23
 - iv. It is very often a quality of God: Exodus 15:13; 20:6; 34:6
 - c. As a human quality
 - i. Used of man towards God
Jeremiah 2:2; Hosea 4:1; 6:4, 6
 - ii. Used of man towards man
11:17 ; 20:6
2. “Faithfulness”
 - a. The word
 - b. In Solomon’s Bible
 - i. Gen. 24:27
 - ii. Exod 34:6
 - c. In Proverbs
 - i. Prov 8:6-8
 - ii. Prov 11:18
 - iii. Prov. 12:19
 - d. When shown toward God

1 Kings 2:1–4
3. The words paired
 - a. Four times in Prov, these two occur together: here, and...
14:22; 16:6; 20:28
 - b. “Lovingkindness and faithfulness”

B. Actions (v. 3)

1. *Don’t* let lovingkindness and faithfulness abandon you
2. *Do*
 - a. *Bind them* on your neck
 - b. *Write them* on your heart

C. Blessings (v. 4)

Proverbs 13:15

1 Samuel 2:26