

Scripture Memorization

Fall 2009

As a practice in hiding God's word in their hearts, students in all grade levels and all classes will be memorizing **Proverbs 3:1-18 (NIV version)**, during the fall semester. The weekly memorization assignments are below. Students will be asked periodically to demonstrate that they are keeping up with memorization. Students will recite the scriptures together. Students may be asked to demonstrate their memorization together at school-wide events as an exercise in public speaking.

Memorization should be done in a cumulative manner, meaning students should always recite the whole passage adding the new portion for each week as they progress. The purpose is that students will have Proverbs 3:1-18 committed to memory for years to come, and that God will use it in their hearts and minds often.

Week of...	Bible Reference	Scripture Passage
Aug. 25	Proverbs 3:1	1- My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart.
Sept. 1	Proverbs 3:2	2- for they will prolong your life many years and bring your prosperity.
Sept. 8	Proverbs 3:3	3- Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
Sept. 15	Proverbs 3:4	4- Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.
Sept. 22	Proverbs 3:5	5- Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
Sept. 29	Proverbs 3:6	6- in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
Oct. 6	Proverbs 3:7-8	7- Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. 8- This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.
Oct. 13	Proverbs 3:9	9- Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;
Oct. 20	Proverbs 3:10	10- then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.
Oct. 27	Proverbs 3:11	11- My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke,
Nov. 3	Proverbs 3:12	12- because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.
Nov. 10	Proverbs 3: 13-14	13- Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, 14- for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.
Nov. 18	Proverbs 3:15	15- She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.
Dec. 1	Proverbs 3: 16-17	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.
Dec. 8	Proverbs 3:18	18- She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed.

Memory Passage Thinking Points

Proverbs 3:1-18

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Proverbs 3:1-2: Why would Solomon (author of Proverbs) encourage his son to keep commands in his heart? How might they bring prosperity? How does this apply to our memorization of this very passage?

Proverbs 3:3 This metaphor gives us the exact idea of how important and permanent love and faithfulness should be in our actions every moment. What might you change to make yourself fit this picture better? If you could actually bind love and faithfulness around your neck and write them on your heart, how might you live differently today? What would it be like to walk around with love and faithfulness written on your heart? How might it change your feelings and thoughts?

Proverbs 3:4 How might binding love and faithfulness around your neck and writing them on your heart win you favor and a good name in the sight of God? How might it give you favor and a good name in the sight of men? Why would this favor and a good name be important? How might it be used to bring God more glory?

Proverbs 3:5 What is one area where you struggle to trust the Lord with all your heart? How would your actions and thoughts be different if you trusted Him completely rather than leaning on your own understanding?

Proverbs 3:6 What does it mean to acknowledge Him in all your ways? What are some ways you could do this better? How does this relate to trusting the Lord with all your heart? What does it mean that God will make your paths straight?

Proverbs 3:7-8 What are the three directions given in verse 7? What is the result if you obey? Why would doing these things be related to your physical health?

Proverbs 3:9-10 What does it mean to honor the Lord with your wealth? What are firstfruits? What would it mean in your life right now to honor the Lord with your wealth? What does God say about what will happen to those who honor Him first in this area?

Proverbs 3:11-12 Have you ever experienced the Lord's discipline? Read Hebrews 12:4-11. Why did Solomon say not to despise the Lord's discipline? Can you think of examples in the Bible of where God used discipline to teach someone something or bring them back to Him? Verse 12 says "God disciplines 'as a father the son he delights in.'" How do your own parents discipline you? Why do they do this? Is there an area where you think God may be trying to teach you something through His discipline?

Proverbs 3:13-15 In these verses, Solomon describes the value of wisdom. He says wisdom is better than three things...what are they? Why do you think wisdom is so valuable? Where do you think we can find wisdom?

Proverbs 3:16-18 Who is "she" in these verses? What good things does wisdom bring according to these verses? What are some ways that you can "embrace" wisdom, like it says in verse 18? How can you lay hold of her? What are some ways that you can walk in the ways of wisdom today?