Walking in Wisdom #2: The Path of Wisdom

Proverbs 3:1-12

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***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****Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
    bind them around your neck;
    write them on the tablet of your heart.****4****So you will find favor and good success
    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 straight your paths.****7****Be not wise in your own eyes;
    fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.****8****It will be healing to your flesh
    and refreshment to your bones.*

***9****Honor the Lord with your wealth
    and with the firstfruits of all your produce;****10****then your barns will be filled with plenty,
    and your vats will be bursting with wine.*

***11****My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline
    or be weary of his reproof,****12****for the Lord reproves him whom he loves,
    as a father the son in whom he delights.*

***1 – How do we grow in wisdom?***

* **It’s a path we walk**

*Proverbs 3:6*

*In all your ways acknowledge him,
    and he will make straight your paths.*

*Psalm 119:105*

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my****path****.*

*Acts 2:28*

*You have made known to me the* ***paths of life****;
    you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’*

*“One aspect of the world that I have been able to identify as harmful to Christians is the assumption that anything worthwhile can be acquired at once. We assume that if something can be done at all, it can be done quickly and efficiently. Our attention spans have been conditioned by 30-second commercials. Our sense of reality has been flattened by quick fixes.” -* Eugene Peterson

***2 – What are the steps along the path?***

1. ***Press into God’s love***
2. ***Increase in self-awareness***
3. ***Surround yourself with wise people***
4. ***Know God’s truth***
5. ***Understand God’s discipline***

***1 – Press into God’s love***

***vs 3*** *Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
    bind them around your neck;
    write them on the tablet of your heart.*

*… bind God’s steadfast love and faithfulness* ***around your neck*** *and write the Steadfast love and faithfulness of God on the tablet of your heart.*

***2 – Increase in self-awareness***

***vs 5, 7*** *… do not lean on your own understanding … be not wise in your own eyes*

***vs 5*** … *we trust the LORD with all our heart.*

***3 – Surround yourself with wise people***

***Vs 7*** *… Do not be wise in your own eyes …*

*Proverbs 18:24*

*A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

***4 – Know God’s truth***

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***5 – Understand God’s discipline***

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