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Surrender Your Tendencies Part 2

Lesson 8 • Proverbs 3:1-2, 11-12, 21-26

In Proverbs 3 God Is Speaking to Us as a Wise Father and Warning Us:

Surrender your foolish tendencies and replace them with wise traits that keep you on wisdom's path to success.

Observations of Proverbs 3:1-2, 11-12, 21-26

#1 Every time **"My son"** appears there is a warning to surrender a foolish tendency _____ to fallen humanity.

*The tendency to **forget** clear commands... to **reject** loving correction... to **ignore** wise counsel.*

#2 Every warning is in the **negative** ("do not"), because these are our _____ tendencies.

#3 Every **foolish tendency** has an opposing **wise trait** that needs to _____ the foolishness in our hearts.

SANCTIFICATION IS ALWAYS A _____ PROCESS.

In each of these verses the wise father provides a wise trait to replace our foolish tendency.

SURRENDER YOUR FOOLISH TENDENCIES	The WISE FATHER to "MY SON" Proverbs 3:1-2, 11-12, 21-26	REPLACE WITH THE FATHER'S WISE TRAITS
Don't FORSAKE	His CLEAR COMMANDS	Exercise OBEDIENT TRUST
Don't RESENT	His LOVING CORRECTION	Have a TEACHABLE HEART
Don't IGNORE	His WISE COUNSEL	Make DISCERNING CHOICES

Trust in the Lord to Establish These Wise Traits

1. _____ **Is the Measure of Remembering God's Commands.**

"but let your heart keep my commandments" (3:1-2)

*In the Bible **forgetting** leads to **forsaking** and **remembering** leads to **obeying**.*

Yes, But How?

We need a heart that _____ the LORD and _____ His Word.

➤ _____ His commands **from** His Word.

*The Father's commands are a **blessing** that provide **what is best for us** and protect us from **what is bad for us**.*

➤ _____ His commands **with** His People.

➤ _____ His commands **in** His Son and **by** His Spirit.

2. _____ Is the **Mark of Learning from Correction.**

"For whom the LORD loves He reproofs, even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights." (3:11-12)

What Is the Opposite of Rejecting and Resenting Loving Correction?
Receiving it with a _____ heart!

What Does Teachability Look Like?

1. _____ when others are trying to correct us.
2. _____ rebuke when it is given – *even if what they are saying is 95% wrong.*
3. _____ to defend yourself or justify the wrong you have done.
4. _____ responsibility instead of blame shifting or making excuses.
5. _____ *Proverbs 3:5-7* whenever you are corrected.

A Teachable Heart Stays Focused on the Father's Love.

1. The Father loves you enough to correct you as His very own _____. *Hebrews 12:4-11*
2. The Father loves you enough to correct you for a _____. *2Timothy 3:16-17*
3. The Father loves you so much that He will use any means _____.

3. _____ Is the **Means of Benefitting from God's Counsel.**

"Keep sound wisdom and discretion." (3:21-26)

- Be discerning so you can _____ no matter *who* crosses your path or what tempts you. (21)

See situations from God's perspective, so you are free to choose wisely no matter what!
Stay focused on and stand guard over wise discernment, so God's wisdom is never far from your heart!

- The LORD rewards the discerning with personal _____ and public _____. (22)

The Wise Son or Daughter Who Lives with These 3 Wise Traits Will Experience...

_____ security for this life. (23-24)

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_____ security for the life to come. (25-26)

*"Do not be afraid of sudden disaster, or **when destruction overtakes the wicked;**
for the LORD will be the source of your confidence, and He will guard your foot from being caught in a trap." NET*

Surrender Your Foolish Tendencies to Embrace the Wise Traits of a Son Who Fears the Lord!

Are you stumbling through the dark days of your soul?

Are disobeying God's clear commands and rejecting the loving correction He is sending your way?

Are you ignoring the wise counsel that comes from the Heavenly Father through His Word and whatever He sends to reprove you?

**Surrender to the ONE who was PERFECTLY OBEDIENT to His Heavenly Father,
TOTALLY TEACHABLE in His suffering as a Son, and UNDENIABLY DISCERNING at all times!**

JESUS Is the Proverbs Wrapped in Human Flesh!

He is the Perfect Son of God and Sinless Son of Man who died to deliver you from your foolish tendencies and rose from the grave to give you the wise traits of an obedient, teachable, and discerning child of God.