

## Proverbs Week #25 (3:3)

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*Proverbs 3:3 “Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.”*

For the last few weeks I have taught from this one verse in the book of Proverbs. For two weeks I focused on what it meant to not let kindness leave you. This week is the second lesson focusing on truth. Last week I taught about the four things that the Bible does in our lives. It teaches, reproves, correct and trains us. Let’s review these four things.

If we are going to be disciples of Yeshua then we need to faithfully allow God’s word to bring about His desired purposes in our lives. Yeshua put it this way, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31, 32. This idea of needing to be set free is an important concept to understand. The Jewish audience who heard Yeshua speak these words answered Him saying that they didn’t need to be set free. Yet they were living in Israel under an oppressive Roman rule. They were expecting a messiah who would liberate them and re-establish Israel as a nation under God’s rule. To this day many Jewish people are waiting for the Messiah to come and do just that. The freedom that God gives through Yeshua is more than just a political or worldly freedom. It addresses our deepest needs and also connects with the world around us.

This freedom from the slavery of sin changes our relationship with God and is a part of our daily lives. We do not always fully understand how important this idea is but God can and will teach us. Yeshua taught that the Holy Spirit would lead us into the truth and abide with us.

*Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. John 16:7-13*

God knows what we need, teaches us, and directs our lives for His glory. In reality, the whole world exists to bring glory to God. One of the main purposes of our redemption from slavery is so we can bring glory to His holy name.

*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)*

It is because of God’s kindness that He desires for us to live our lives every day according to His truth. Our verse from Proverbs reminds us to not let this truth leave us. Think about this today and this week. Your parents can help you to remember that as you listen to the Bible and pray you can make this verse a real part of your life. Do not let kindness or truth leave you! Let God’s truth change the way you think and act toward Him and others.