

Proverbs Week #26 (3:5,6)

Prov 3:5, 6 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

This chapter of Proverbs began with, “My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments...” (Prov 3:1) In this verse the father turns the attention of his son to trusting in God. After all we do as parents to teach and help you understand the truth; it is up to each one of you to trust God. This trusting in Him is to be with “all your heart” and you are not to lean on your own understanding. You are to learn about God and His ways but ultimately it is God you are trusting in not your own understanding of God.

The Bible teaches that the righteous shall live by faith. (Hab 2:4) This trusting in God and being faithful to Him is at the heart of the message of the Bible. Without faith it is impossible to please God. (Heb 11:6) We believe and trust in God because He is faithful. He has spoken and will be true to His words. Our trusting in God changes who we are and how we act. As His people we are called to be like Him and He provides what we need to bring about this change.

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2 Peter 1:2-4 “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Yeshua our Lord seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

The next part of the verse in Proverbs says to acknowledge Him in all your ways. What do you think that means? How can we acknowledge God every day and in all our ways?

Prayer and thankfulness are a part of how we acknowledge God. I would also suggest that we acknowledge Him when we live our lives knowing that He is able to guide and direct our paths. Have you ever wondered if God is actually paying attention to what you are doing? As we studied the Torah portion last week we talked about what it means to fear God. He is paying attention and as we understand this and truly trust and acknowledging Him HE WILL direct our paths.

The Messiah taught His disciples a lesson about being connected to God, and we as His disciples, need to understand these words too.

John 15:1-8 “I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit in me. He prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it will bear more fruit. You are clean already because of the word that I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me – and I in him – bears much fruit, because apart from me you can accomplish nothing.”

Our trusting in God bears good fruit because our Father is the gardener. The Messiah is like a vine and we are like branches that are connected to Him. Our trusting and faith in Him connects us to the vine.

Remember these three things:

1. Trust in the Lord with all your heart
2. Lean not on your own understanding
3. In all your ways acknowledge Him

He will be faithful to direct your paths.