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### Proverbs 3:1-24

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,  
<sup>2</sup> for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

<sup>3</sup> Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.

<sup>4</sup> Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.

<sup>8</sup> This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

<sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke,

<sup>12</sup> because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

<sup>13</sup> Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,

<sup>14</sup> for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.

<sup>15</sup> She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.

<sup>16</sup> Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

<sup>17</sup> Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.

<sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

<sup>19</sup> By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place;

<sup>20</sup> by his knowledge the watery depths were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew.

<sup>21</sup> My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; <sup>22</sup> they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.

<sup>23</sup> Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble.

<sup>24</sup> When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.