



**Resting in God's Kindness – TEXT: Proverbs 3:1-12**

**Trust God's PATH HOME:** Proverbs 3:5a, 7c

- 1) **We come home to God BY both REPENTING AND by BELIEVING the Gospel of Jesus:** Mark 1:15
- 2) **We will not REPENT (CHANGE [Meta-noeite] our mind, heart, and life orientation [nous] TO GOD) UNLESS we TRUST God.**
- 3) **SIN is empowered by UNBELIEF:** See Hebrews 3:12
- 4) **Last week: TRUST God's WORD; CHARACTER; PERSPECTIVE; This week: TRUST God's SOVEREIGNTY; PROVISION; and DISCIPLINE**

**TRUST God's SOVEREIGNTY:** Proverbs 3:6

- 1) **God DOES whatever He PLEASES:** Ps. 115:3. See: Ps 135:6; Dan 4:35
- 2) **God's PURPOSE SUCCEEDS – regardless of OUR AGENDA:** Proverbs 19:21; See: Proverbs 16:9, 20:24; Jer. 10:23; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17
- 3) **God's PLANS and WAYS are usually DIFFERENT from and ALWAYS BETTER than OURS:** Isaiah 55:8–9. See: 1 Cor. 2:9; Ephesians 3:20
- 4) **God's AGENDA and WORKS are ALWAYS GOOD:** Psalm 145:17
- 5) **SO, WHY don't we just ENTRUST ourselves to Him? We...**
  - a) **BELIEVE the LIES** (Romans 1:25) about ourselves & God
  - b) **ARE spiritually enslaved REBELS:** Titus 3:3. See: Romans 5:10
  - c) **Don't KNOW GOD or His WORD:** Matt. 22:29 See: Rom 1:19-21
- 6) **We NEED a SAVIOR from our UNBELIEF who will...**
  - a) **Make Himself KNOWN:** John 1:14, 18 See: Col 1:19-20
  - b) **FREE us from our spiritual bondage to REBELLION:** Col. 1:13–14
  - c) **RECONCILE us to God:** Colossians 1:19–22
  - d) **LEAD us to HIMSELF in ALL CIRCUMSTANCES:** John 17:3
- 7) **NOW, we can ENTRUST ourselves to His SOVEREIGN...**
  - a) **LEADERSHIP:** Psalm 23:1-2, 3b. See: Psalm 139:5-10, 24; 143:10
  - b) **ACTIONS:** Psalm 37:5. See also: Isaiah 64:4
  - c) **PURPOSES:** Romans 8:28. See also: Ezra 7:6, 8:22

**TRUST God's PROVISION:** Proverbs 3:9–10

- 1) **WHATEVER we HAVE, we were GIVEN:** 1 Corinthians 4:7bc. See also: John 3:27; James 1:17
- 2) **God DELIGHTS to give us GOOD GIFTS and PROVIDE for our NEEDS:** Matthew 7:11. See also: Romans 6:25-26
- 3) **God EXPECTS us to STEWARD His GIFTS for His GLORY:** 1 Peter 4:10 See also: Luke 12:42; 1 Corinthians 10:31
- 4) **God CALLS us to both RELATIONSHIP and WORSHIP through REPENTANT GIVING:** Malachi 3:7b, 10a See also: Matthew 23:23
  - a) **He wants our BEST and FIRST:** Exodus 23:19a. See also: Exodus 34:26; Numbers 18:12; Nehemiah 10:35
  - b) **He does NOT want our LEFTOVERS:** 2 Samuel 24:24b See also: Malachi 1:6-9
  - c) **A failure to GIVE is THEFT:** Malachi 3:8
  - d) **He PROMISES BLESSING to those who GIVE and CURSES to those who WITHOLD:** Malachi 3:9-10
- 5) **We can TRUST God to PROVIDE because He's ALREADY GIVEN us His BEST:** Romans 8:32. See: 2 Corinthians 9:10-11
  - a) **Our NEEDS:** Philippians 4:19
  - b) **Our DESIRES:** Psalm 37:4 See: Psalm 34:10; 84:11
  - c) **ENOUGH for EVERY SITUATION:** 2 Cor. 9:8. See also: vs. 9-11
  - d) **His KINGDOM:** Luke 12:32
- 6) **SO, PURSUE HIM, FIRST:** Matthew 6:33

**TRUST God's loving DISCIPLINE:** Proverbs 3:11-12

- 1) **God has made us His CHILDREN through Jesus:** Galatians 3:26. See also: Galatians 3:27-29, 4:6; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:14-16
- 2) **He LOVES and DELIGHTS in US!** 1 John 3:1a. See also: Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:4-10
- 3) **His love COMPELS Him to DISCIPLINE US into His IMAGE:** Romans 8:29. See: Ephesians 4:15-16; 2 Corinthians 3:18
- 4) **His GOAL in DISCIPLINE (instruction and correction) is our HOLINESS (being like Him):** Hebrews 12:10–11. See also: vs. 5-9
- 5) **He INTENDS for His BODY – THE CHURCH – to be PART of that DISCIPLESHIP:** Hebrews 3:13. See also: Proverbs 27:17; Matthew 18:15-20, 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:13; Hebrews 10:24-25
- 6) **REPENTANCE is OUR righteous response to His loving DISCIPLINE:** Revelation 3:19. See also: Romans 2:4
- 7) **WHEN we REPENT at His discipline, we will FIND GREATER GRACE and HIM:** Hebrews 4:15-16. See also: Revelation 3:20

