

- **Do not be wise in your own eyes** – do not trust in your thoughts, strength, or abilities!
- **fear the Lord** – trust in Him for everything!
- **turn away from evil** – from all that opposes God and His word!
- **WHY? It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones** – In other words: **The LORD** will gift us with **contentment** and **healing** from the inside out!

When We Honor the LORD from Our Wealth – There Will Be Amazing Benefits

3:9-10 [Our 2026 offering envelope passage] **Honor the LORD from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce; [WHY?] then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.** // Let's break it down...

- Accept that we are managers, not owners.
- Give from the first of all the LORD gives to us – *paycheck, social security church, pension, etc.*
- Give in proportion to all we receive.
- What proportion? Give a tithe of all we receive (for more on tithing in the Bible, read this brochure: [Tithing](#)).
- **WHY? ...then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine** – In other words: **The LORD** will give us an **abundance** of all we need and **even more!**

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Giving Units	Weekly Average	Yearly Average	Yearly Total – % of Budget
13	\$0 - \$10	\$0 - \$520	4,550 – 1%
21	10 - 35	520 – 1,820	31,500 – 9%
19	35 - 90	1,820 – 4,680	57,000 – 17%
18	90 - 300	4680 – 15600	180,000-54%
3	300-500	15.6 K – 26 K	60,000 – 18%

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- **For some** – there may be **great potential** – to **honor** the LORD and **receive** an abundance!
- **For many others** – you may already have **full barns** and **overflowing vats!**

Pastor Green

Conclusion

Eye Symbol: ▶on the front of this brochure and ▶above the pyramid on our \$1:00 bill: It represents God's watchful eye over humanity and symbolizes divine guidance for our nation's future. // May we **know** and **follow** God's guidance to His glory and receive the benefits in our daily lives!

Scripture Passages: The New American Standard Bible, the Lockman Foundation, 2020 version.

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Do You Know This Important Pattern?

➡ Knowing ➡ Believing
➡ Applying ➡ Receiving

Introduction

Dear friend: Have you ever been entrusted with a secret – *like the location of a hidden treasure?* Wouldn't it be amazing to ▶know the location and ▶retrieve the treasure?

In this brochure, I will be sharing some things from the Bible that are **not** commonly known – **like secrets**. For those who **know** them, **believe** them, and **apply** them, **the LORD is promising amazing benefits!**

This sermon is **not about justification** – *God making us right in His sight through Jesus*, **but sanctification** – *how we are called to live as God's holy children*. May God's promises of **amazing benefits** give us *much encouragement to go His way!*

Mere Knowing and Believing Have **NO** Benefits – For Example...

Spiritual Health:

- Some people know and believe who Jesus is – *the Son of God*, and what Jesus has done – *living sinlessly and dying sacrificially*, but they have **no** benefits. Why?
- They know and believe in their **heads**, but they are **not** open to God's work in their **hearts**! So, they have **no** benefits!

Physical Health:

- I know and believe that if I **consistently** eat healthy and exercise, I will feel better and look better.
- But merely knowing and believing have **no** benefits!



Financial Health:

- At some point in your life, someone has probably told you about the miracle of compound interest: If a person invested \$2,000 per year at an average of 8% interest for 40 years, he would have over \$500,000.
- THINK: He invested **80k** but ended up with over **500k**! For all who have known the formula and believed in the miracle but have **not** consistently done it, they are **not** in possession of the benefits!

The sections that follow from **Proverbs chapter 3** contain **five** of the many **AMAZING SECRETS** found in the Bible. This is the pattern:

Know ➔ Believe ➔ Apply ➔ Receive

Let us receive the **LORD's Amazing Blessings** in our lives!

When We Know and Do the LORD's Commandments – There Will Be Amazing Benefits

3:1-2 [What to know and do:] **My son, do not forget my teaching, but have your heart comply with [obey] my commandments; [WHY?] for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.**

- How do we get those benefits? We must ➔ **Hear** God's word, ➔ **believe** it to be true, and ➔ **consistently** do it! Hearing and believing are important, **but it is also critical to consistently put God's word into practice!**
- Then** – *hearing, believing, and doing* – we will have ➔ length of days and ➔ years of life and ➔ peace!

When We Know and Do Kindness and Truth – There Will Be Amazing Benefits

3:3-4 [What to know and do:] **Do not let kindness and truth leave you; [How do you prevent that?] bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. [WHY, what will be the advantages?] ...you will find favor and a good reputation in the sight of God and man.**

- How do we get those benefits?
 - Kindness [goodness] and truth must be very important to us. When they are, we will keep them: ➔ around our necks (*in a safe place*) and ➔ written on our hearts (*where no one can take them away from us*). But more is necessary to get the benefits.

- We must also *consistently live* ➔ goodness and ➔ truth in our daily lives!
- Then**, we will find ➔ favor and ➔ a good reputation in the sight of God and man!

When We Know and Follow the LORD's Wisdom – There Will Be Amazing Benefits

3:5-6 [What to know and do:] **Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him... [WHY?] He will make your paths straight. // Let's break it down...**

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart** – *believe the Bible is true and best!*
- do not lean on your own understanding** – *stop doing things your way!*
- In all your ways acknowledge Him** – *Say: I'm following the LORD's way in my life!*
- WHY? He will make your paths straight** – In other words: **The LORD will show us what is best in every circumstance of life!**

When We Fear the LORD and Turn from Evil – There Will Be Amazing Benefits

3:7-8 [What to avoid:] **Do not be wise in your own eyes; [What to do:] fear the LORD and turn away from evil. [WHY?] It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones. // Let's break it down...**