



Part
2

Do You Know This Important Pattern?

Knowing → Believing → Applying → Receiving

Text: NAS 2020

By the Holy Spirit: Let's → understand and → apply the Bible in our lives!

Introduction

Dear friends in Christ: Last week I began with the topic of secrets: Wouldn't it be amazing to have a legitimate map to actual buried treasure? We would follow it and receive it!

Last week I gave **three examples** – spiritual health, physical health, and financial health (see part 1). I said that merely knowing and believing are **deceptive** – *if such things are not combined with consistent application.*

Before I begin part 2, let me remind you again: This sermon is **not about justification** – *God making us right in His sight, but sanctification – living as God's holy children.*

So far, we have covered **Proverbs 3:1-4**; now, **verses 5-10.**

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...

- **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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- **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!

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!

Let Us Pray: Father in heaven, we have sinned, *but You have forgiven us through Jesus – TYSM!*

Now, *as we live as Your holy children*, help us to be amazed at what You are offering to all who know, believe, and apply Your word.

Then, with →gladness of heart and →Your blessing upon us, help us to *consistently* →apply Your word in our lives and →receive Your amazing blessings!

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