

Proverbs Series

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Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

Proverbs

Guide for Skillful Living

DEATH

LIFE

“How to Live a Blessed Life”
Proverbs 3:13–18

A Introduction: the father pronounces the person who finds Wisdom is blessed, v. 13

B Wisdom's superiority to precious minerals, vv. 14–15

B' Wisdom's benefits specified, vv. 16–18a

A' Conclusion: all those who lay hold of Wisdom are pronounced blessed, v. 18b

Prov. 3:13, “Happy *is* the man *who* finds wisdom, And the man *who* gains understanding;

Prov. 3:14, “For her proceeds *are* better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold.

Prov. 3:15, “She *is* more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.

Prov. 3:16, “Length of days *is* in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor.

Prov. 3:17, “Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, And all her paths *are* peace.

Prov. 3:18, “She *is* a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy *are all* who retain her.”

Prov. 3:13,

“Happy is **the man who finds wisdom,
And **the man** who gains understanding;”**

בָּרַךְ (*bārak* II), blessed, to be praised; TWOT:
“to endue with power for success, prosperity,
fecundity, longevity, etc.”

בְּרָכָה (*brākâ* I), blessing

אֶשְׁרָה (*ʿeshar*), אֶשְׁרָר (*ʿāshār*) *happiness,*
blessedness

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אֶשְׁרַי (ʿ*esher*), אֶשְׂרָר (ʿ*āshār*)
happiness, blessedness

Prov. 8:32,

“Now therefore, listen to me, my children,

For blessed are those who keep my ways.”

Prov. 8:34,

“Blessed is the man who listens to me,

Watching daily at my gates,

Waiting at the posts of my doors.”

Prov. 14:21,

“He who despises his neighbor sins;

But he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he.”

Prov. 16:20,

“He who heeds the word wisely will find good,

And whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he.”

Prov. 20:7,

“The righteous man walks in his integrity;

His children are blessed after him.”

Prov. 28:14,

“Happy is the man who is always reverent [always fears the Lord (pachad, ‘fear’)],

But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.”

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אֶשְׁרַי (ʿ*esher*), אֶשְׁחָרַי (ʿ*ashār*)
happiness, blessedness

מָצָא (māṣāʾ) ***find***

פּוֹק *fuq*
hif imperf 3 masc
sing to obtain; to
offer

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Wisdom

חִכְמָה

chokhma

skill,

prudence

Understanding

בִּינָה *bina*

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Fear → Knowledge → Understanding → Wisdom

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**סָחַר (sāḥar) to go
about in trade**

**יָקָר (yāqar) be precious,
valuable, costly, esteem**

**חָפֵץ (ḥāphēṣ) I, take
delight in, be pleased
with, desire**

Prov. 3:16, “Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor.

Prov. 3:17, “Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.”

1 Kings 3:9, “Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart (a hearing heart) to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”

Prov. 8:18, “Riches and honor are with me, Enduring riches and righteousness.”

Prov. 21:21, “He who follows righteousness and mercy Finds life, righteousness and honor.”

Prov. 22:4, “By humility and the fear of the LORD Are riches and honor and life.”

Psa. 32:1, “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

Psa. 32:2, “Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

**Psa. 34:8, “Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!”**

**Psa. 84:12, “O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man
who trusts in You!”**

**Psa. 146:5, “Happy is he who has the God of Jacob
for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God,”**

Isa. 30:18, “Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.”

**Psa. 119:1, “Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the LORD!”**

**Prov. 29:18, “Where there is no revelation, the people
cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the
law.”**

**1 Kings 10:8, “Happy are your men and happy are
these your servants, who stand continually before
you and hear your wisdom!”**

**Psa. 41:1, “Blessed is he who considers the poor;
The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.”**

**Prov. 14:21, “He who despises his neighbor sins;
But he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he.”**

**Psa. 106:3, “Blessed are those who keep justice,
And he who does righteousness at all times!”**

Isa. 56:2, “Blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

Psa. 119:1, “Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD!

Psa. 119:2, “Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!”

Psa. 127:5, “Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.”

Psa. 128:1, “Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways.

Psa. 128:2, “When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.”

Job 5:17, “Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.”

Psa. 33:12, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.”

Psa. 144:15, “Happy are the people who are in such a state; Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!”