Happy and Blessed

Proverbs 3:13-18

**Proverbs 3:13–18** (NKJV)

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

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

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

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

17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, And all her paths *are* peace.

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

Outline

 **Wisdom and understanding do not naturally occur.** (13) “finds” and “gains”

 Wisdom and understanding spiritually occur.

Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge,

*But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

“I think I can find wisdom within myself. Well... Have you ever done anything absolutely foolish?

So, if you have wisdom and foolishness within you, how do you know which is which. OR Why do you choose the foolish over the wisdom.” Wisdom begins with honoring God.

**Wisdom and understanding are more valuable than anything.** (14-15)

 Wisdom and understanding are more valuable than what you naturally want.

 Your needs < your wants. What we need more than anything is wisdom and understanding.

So, honor God and receive the wisdom and understanding you REALLY NEED.

**Wisdom and understanding bring great blessings.** (16-18)

 Blessing of life

 Blessing of riches and honor

 Blessing of peaceful way of life

 Blessing of happy life.

Invitation:

Graduates please stand: I want you to have a blessed and happy life.

Baptized today please stand: you have recently chosen to honor God with your life.

 You have begun a blessed and happy life. Ask God to continue to grant wisdom for life.

Everyone please stand:

 If you have experienced the blessed/happy life of honoring the Lord will you loudly say, “amen”

If you are here today and there has never been a point in your life that you turned from living for self and trusted Jesus with your life, Will you come forward at this time and begin an amazingly blessed life.