

**"SPECIFIC EVIDENCES OF A MAN'S RELIANCE ON CHRIST"
PROVERBS 3:7-12**

I. A MAN'S RELIANCE ON CHRIST COMPLETELY WILL EVIDENCE ITSELF IN A FEAR THAT HUMBLY REFUSES THE OFFERS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO EVIL (3:7-8)

- A. There Are 21 References In Proverbs To The "Fear Of The Lord"
 - 1. A Comprehensive Expression Denoting A Right Perspective Of God & Right Relationship To God
 - a. Abraham's Conclusion At Gerar (Genesis 20)
 - b. Obadiah's Justification Of Himself To Elijah (I Kings 18)
 - c. Satan's Accusation Against Job (Job 1)
 - 2. Three Components To "The Fear Of The Lord"
 - a. Reverence & Sacred Respect For His Person
 - b. Submissive Response To Divine Words
 - c. Terror At The Prospect Of Divine Anger
- B. There Are Wonderful Physical Benefits (3:8)

II. A MAN'S RELIANCE ON CHRIST COMPLETELY WILL EVIDENCE ITSELF IN A STEWARDSHIP THAT GLORIFIES GOD IN ALL MATERIAL THINGS (3:9-10)

- A. God And Material Things Correspond To The Two Sides Of A Man's Being
- B. We Are To Magnify The Uniqueness Of God's Ownership Of All Material Things
 - 1. By Giving Back To Him First
 - 2. By Being Fair With Others

III. A MAN'S RELIANCE ON CHRIST COMPLETELY WILL EVIDENCE ITSELF IN HIS ACCEPTANCE OF DISCIPLINE (3:11-12)

- A. No Bitterness Over The Divine Education Process (3:11)
- B. It Would Be The Fatherly Love Of God That Would Be Resented