

## Getting Started

- Make a list of all the benefits of wisdom that you observe in Proverbs 3 and share which ones you have experienced personally.

## Discussion

- Write out Proverbs 3:5-6

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- *Learn to grow in your ability to trust the Lord.*
  - To trust God, you must know God. Share some ways that you are growing to know God in a deeper way focused on His character and faithfulness.
  - Share some Scriptures that exhort/encourage us to know God in a deeper way. (2 Peter 3:18, Ephesians 1:17-19, Colossians 1:9-10, Philippians 3:9-10, etc.)
  - Great Book by Jerry Bridges ... Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts  
[https://www.amazon.com/Jerry-Bridges-Trusting-God-First/dp/B00HTKF0FO/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?crid=8S3ANDYEZW0A&dchild=1&keywords=trusting+god+by+jerry+bridges&qid=1594035133&srefix=trusting+God%2Caps%2C660&sr=8-3](https://www.amazon.com/Jerry-Bridges-Trusting-God-First/dp/B00HTKF0FO/ref=sr_1_3?crid=8S3ANDYEZW0A&dchild=1&keywords=trusting+god+by+jerry+bridges&qid=1594035133&srefix=trusting+God%2Caps%2C660&sr=8-3)
- *Don't lean on your own understanding.*
  - Explain what it means to lean not on your own understanding.
  - Why is it so important to remind ourselves daily of God's grace and our need for Him? Paul demonstrated this in 1 Timothy 1:12-17.
  - How are you winning the war in the battlefield of your mind by taking every thought captive? As you read these Scriptures, share how you can shift your thoughts from self and the world to the Lord. (Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:1-4; Philippians 4:6-8; 1 Corinthians 10:3-5, etc.)

- Acknowledge Him in all your ways.
  - Explain what Pastor John meant by the C.S. Lewis reference to the “sacred vs. secular divide”.
  - How does this kind of thinking permeate your life at times?
  - What is the flaw with the concept of ranking the priorities in your life and starting with God as #1?
  - What are some “go to” verses that would reinforce the truth of placing God over every area of your life? (consider Matthew 6:33, Luke 9:23 and Mark 8:34, Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 2:20, etc.)
- Where may there be a disconnect in your life between what you say and what you do? Where do you need God’s help to make your path straight as you walk by faith and not by sight?

### **Prayer**

Identify one take away from this week’s message/discussion, share it with the group and ask God for the wisdom to start, stop or do more of that behavior in the coming weeks.