

*Always and Never*

Proverbs 3:1-7

# NEVER NEGLECT WHAT THE LORD IS TELLING YOU

*“My son, do not forget My law, but let your heart keep My commands; for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you.”* Proverbs 3:1-2

Solomon reveals two specific ways you are to handle the Word

Honor God’s Word in your mind and memory

Respond to God’s Word in your heart and your actions

# NEVER FORGET TO DISPLAY THE LOVE OF THE LORD

*“Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.”* Proverbs 3:3

Those who are close to the Lord are inclined to show His compassion, His mercy and His grace

Never forget to be a person of mercy and truth –  
Keep those qualities in balance in your life

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People who can speak the truth in love allow the Word to have its way in their minds, and to allow Him to have His way in their hearts

*“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”* 1 John 4:10-11

# ALWAYS DEPEND UPON THE LORD

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”* Proverbs 3:5-6

We are told to trust Him all the time in every situation

Trusting the Lord requires total faith

You can trust Him in everything, but you can't always trust yourself –

*“Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil”* Proverbs 3:7

What matters is not what I feel; what matters is what He says