

## September 9th

### Proverbs 3:9-10

- 9** Honor the Lord with your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of all your crops;  
**10** then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

O Most merciful Father, who of thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of thy Church, and turned our dearth and scarcity into plenty; We give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving-kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## September 10th

### Proverbs 3:11-12

- 11** My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline,  
and do not resent his rebuke,  
**12** because the Lord disciplines those he loves,  
as a father the son he delights in.

Sometimes rules are hard, and sometimes consequences are harder. Think back on a time when you felt like you got in trouble unfairly. In retrospect, can you see where they were coming from? Does the punishment or callout still irk you? Try taking some time today to reflect on that time and try to see how the rebuke was out of love.

## September 11th

### Proverbs 3:13-15

**13** Blessed are those who find wisdom,  
those who gain understanding,

**14** for she is more profitable than silver  
and yields better returns than gold.

**15** She is more precious than rubies;  
nothing you desire can compare with her.

Loving Father, not only do you possess wisdom; you are Wisdom. Not a day goes by without my needing and wanting your direction. Sometimes I speak too quickly or my attitude is selfish. Or I attempt to solve someone else's problems.

When I realize what I'm doing, God, a gracious first step toward change, may I stop and seek your insight. My failures are opportunities to ask you for your help--again. Thank you that you are always available and that no problem is too difficult for you. Because you see my past, my present, and my future, your viewpoint is all-encompassing. I'm grateful that your supply of wisdom is endless and your solutions are abundant.

You tell us that all wisdom's ways are satisfying and that we're happiest when we hold on to wisdom tightly. I cling to you, Father, thanking you for offering me knowledge with great joy!

Elwell, Ellen Banks. *Prayers for Every Occasion*, Tyndale House Publishing, 2018.

## September 12th

### Proverbs 3:16-18

**16** Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honor.

**17** Her ways are pleasant ways,  
and all her paths are peace.

**18** She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her;  
those who hold her fast will be blessed.

Wisdom is here represented as a great and generous princess distributing gifts to her subjects. She giveth them long life, etc., unless when she foresees that these things would prove snares and mischiefs to them, as they very frequently do to others.

Mathew Poole's Commentary, <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/poole/proverbs/3.htm>

## September 13th

### Proverbs 3:19-20

**19** By wisdom the Lord laid the earth's foundations,  
by understanding he set the heavens in place;

**20** by his knowledge the watery depths were divided,  
and the clouds let drop the dew.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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