

WISDOM THAT WORKS: Direction
Proverbs 3:1–8

1. God gives every person natural gifts and abilities (Exodus 35:10, Proverbs 22:29)
2. Believers in Jesus: God gives spiritual gifts and abilities (Romans 12:3–8, 1 Corinthians 12)

Wisdom for Direction

1. Engage the Mind (Proverbs 3:1a)
 - Engage by seeking (Proverbs 2:4)
 - Memorize (Psalm 119:11)
2. Mind to the Heart (Proverbs 3:1b, Romans 12:1–2)
 - Result: Peace (Proverbs 3:4)
 - Action: Trust and right understanding (Proverbs 3:5–6)
3. True Wisdom (Proverbs 3:7)
 - Human Wisdom: “This is right in my own eyes”
 - Godly Wisdom: “This is right in God’s eyes”
 - Result: Healing and refreshment (Proverbs 3:8)

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study

For Starters

1. List out your natural gifts and abilities. Have you ever taken a strengths test or personality test? What were the results? What did you learn?
2. Have you ever taken a spiritual gifts test? What were the results?

Further Study

1. Read Romans 12:3–8 and 1 Corinthians 12. What do you observe from these verses? Based on those observations, what can you apply to your life?
2. Read Proverbs 3:1 and Romans 12:1–2. How do these verses supplement each other? What do you learn from these verses? How can you find God’s will according to these verses?
3. Read Proverbs 3 verses 1, 3 and 5–7. What do you observe in these verses? What are the results of this type of living? Read Proverbs 3 verses 2, 4 and 8.
4. What action steps are you going to take because of what you have learned?

Prayer: Lord, help me trust in your sufficiency and not mine. Please lead me and I will trust you.