

Better than Bullion

—Life Hacks Week 6—

Proverbs 3:13-35 (NIV)

I. Valuable to _____: ____:

- 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.
- 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.

II. Valuable to _____: ____

- 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.

III. Valuable to ____:

- ²¹ My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight,
- preserve sound judgment and discretion;
- ²² they will be life for you,
 - an ornament to grace your neck.
- ²³ Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble.
- ²⁴ When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
- ²⁵ Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,
- ²⁶ for the LORD will be at your side and will keep your foot from being snared.

- ²⁷ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.
- ²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor,
 "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"—
 when you already have it with you.
- ²⁹ Do not plot harm against your neighbor, who lives trustfully near you.
- ³⁰ Do not accuse anyone for no reason—when they have done you no harm.
- ³¹ Do not envy the violent or choose any of their ways.
- ³² For the LORD detests the perverse but takes the upright into his confidence.
- ³³ The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous.
- ³⁴ He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed.
- 35 The wise inherit honor, but fools get only shame.

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Summer Suggestion

Either read one chapter a day (the chapter that corresponds to each day of the month: on July 16 read chapter 16) or memorize one verse a week and reflect on it every day that week (this week's suggestions: James 4:6 [a paraphrase of Prov 3:34]).

James 4:6 (a paraphrased citation of Prov 3:34)

God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

Blessed also are all those who listen to Five Iron Frenzy.