

**PROVERBS: “Wise up!”**  
**“The Lord of ALL YOUR WAYS**  
**Proverbs 3:1-18**

**Living What I Am Learning**

1. **“Trust the Lord”.** Those words seem almost benign. What does it mean to **“trust the Lord with all your heart”**? Try to express this in your own words and identify a situation when you did this. Read Psalm 13 and relate how the psalmist’s feelings mirror yours. Note how he concludes in verses 7 and 8.
  
2. The acknowledgement of the Lord in **“all our ways”** is an all-encompassing command. What **“ways”** do you need to submit to God that you have attempted to keep from His attention and purview? God promises to make our paths **“straight”** (NIV); the KJV says **“and He will direct your paths”**. What is the sense of God’s promise here?
  
3. When we **“lean on”** our **“own understanding”** for wisdom and direction, what are we essentially saying about God’s input? Can you think of a time when you did that? What were the results?
  
4. In verse 7 our wisdom is contrasted with **“the fear of the Lord”**. How is fearing God a better option than being wise in our **“own eyes”**? Discuss how a reverential awe of God can impact the choices you make.
  
5. We are to honor the Lord with our wealth. What things do you have that might constitute your **“wealth”**? How can you use them to honor God?
  
6. The discipline of the Lord is to be heeded. How are discipline and love related? Are you resisting God’s discipline? If so, why?
  
7. Wisdom **“is a tree of life to those who embrace her”**. How so? Discuss some way you can better **“hold on”** to the Word of God and its truth in your life.