



# The Best Advice in the World

## Proverbs 3:5-6

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***"Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and do not lean on your own understanding;  
in all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and He will make your paths straight."***

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Everybody has advice to give us. From the "Psychic Friends Hotline" to the latest astrology reading, from Dear Abby to the Tony Robbins tapes, people seek advice on love, career and life. But these verses were written by the wisest man that ever lived. And with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Solomon is writing the advice of God Almighty. The big idea of these verses can be summarized into one simple word -- **FAITH!!**

What does it mean to have faith? What kind of faith do you need? Here in these verses, Solomon gives us **five pieces** of valuable advice:

### I. You need a **PERSONAL** faith

***"Trust in the Lord"***

1. You can't **inherit** faith.
2. You can't **earn** faith.

Charles Colson: "Going to **church** doesn't make you a Christian any more than living in a **garage** will make you a **car**."

### II. You need a **COMPLETE** faith

***"with all your heart"***

1. You give God your **life**.
2. You give God your **desires**.

### III. You need a **DIVINE** faith ***"do not lean on your own understanding"***

1. Human wisdom is **fickle**.
2. Human wisdom is **fallible**.

### 3. Human wisdom is **fatal**.

*sha-an* = to **support** with, to **lean** on, to **fall** upon. See 2 Samuel 31:4. Also see Proverbs 3:7,8; 28:26

### IV. You need a **GROWING** faith

***"in all your ways acknowledge Him"***

*yada* = to know in the **deepest** sense; a **progressive** and **dynamic** relationship. See Genesis 4:1: "Adam knew his wife Eve and she gave birth to Cain"

1. Know God **intellectually**.
2. Know God **intimately**.

### V. You need a **SECURE** faith ***"He will make your paths straight"***

1. We are promised God's **help**.
2. We are promised God's **direction**.

### Your Response:

1. What are some of the ways that people ***"lean on [their] own understanding"***? How much are you influenced by the world's values? How does a Christian resist the subtle influences of the world?
2. What are some ways that seeking people can learn to know God in deeper ways?
3. What are some ways that you have seen God ***"make your paths straight"***? How does God direct our lives?
4. Have you come to the place in your life where you have given your life to God? If so, when? And if not ever, why not now?
5. What areas of ***"all of your heart"*** remain un-surrendered to God? Why not let go of them and give them to God now?

#### Resources:

*Proverbs* by Charles Bridges  
*Finding Faith* by Andrew Knowles  
*International Critical Commentary on the Book of Proverbs* by Crawford Toy  
*Can A Man Live Without God?* by Ravi Zacharias

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