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Topic: Receive and Retain

Text: Proverbs 3:13-18

1. A person who has been delivered from sin will not let anyone take the Word of God away from him. He retains the Word of God and is blessed by God. Firstly, he is a wealthy person spiritually (v13-15). He is able to apply God's Word because he knows what is truly important in his life. By doing so, he makes merchandise (profit) from the wisdom he gains. What he gains is far better than the silver, gold and rubies of this world. He is rich in Christ. As believers, we prove that we are such a person by the way we live. Stop being motivated by higher pay and promotion, but focus on living for Christ.
2. Secondly, a person who retains the Word of God is a healthy person (v16). That was God's promise to Israel where His people were blessed physically and spiritually as long as they obey God's Word. For us today, we do not need to be afraid of death because our time is in God's hand. Our health is also in God's hand and He is the one who gives us strength.
3. Finally, a person who retains the Word of God is a happy person (v17-18). A family where everyone is born again will always stay together till eternity. The Word of God will teach us all about life and give us peace. Everyone who lives by God's Word will exuberate a joy that flows out of him. He is happy because he has an intimate relationship with his Heavenly Father. He knows why God saves him and what God wants him to do with his life.

*Hold on to God's Word tightly and be prepared to do whatever God calls us to do*