

- **Do not be wise in your own eyes – do not trust in your thoughts, strength, or abilities!**
- **fear the Lord** – trust in Him for everything!
- **turn away from evil** – from all that opposes God and His word!
- **WHY? It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones** – In other words: *The LORD will gift us with contentment and healing from the inside out!*

## When We Honor the LORD from Our Wealth – There Will Be Amazing Benefits

**3:9-10** [Our 2026 offering envelope passage] Honor the LORD from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce; [WHY?] then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine. // Let's break it down...

- Accept that we are managers, not owners.
- Give from the first of all the LORD gives to us – *paycheck, social security, church, pension, etc.*
- Give in proportion to all we receive.
- What proportion? Give a tithe of all we receive (for more on tithing in the Bible, read this brochure: Tithing).
- **WHY? ...then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine** – In other words: *The LORD will give us an abundance of all we need and even more!*

## How We Supported BLC Ministry In 2025

Giving Units	Weekly Average	Yearly Average	Yearly Total – % of Budget
13	\$0 - \$10	\$0 - \$520	4,550 – 1%
21	10 - 35	520 – 1,820	31,500 – 9%
19	35 - 90	1,820 – 4,680	57,000 – 17%
18	90 - 300	4680 – 15600	180,000-54%
3	300-500	15.6 K – 26 K	60,000 – 18%

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I am amazed and humbled by your giving!

- **For some** – there may be great potential – to honor the LORD and receive an abundance!
- **For many others** – you may already have full barns and overflowing vats!

Pastor Green

## Conclusion

**Eye Symbol:** ♦ on the front of this brochure and ♦ above the pyramid on our \$1:00 bill: It represents God's watchful eye over humanity and symbolizes divine guidance for our nation's future. // May we know and follow God's guidance to His glory and receive the benefits in our daily lives!

**Scripture Passages:** The New American Standard Bible, the Lockman Foundation, 2020 version.

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## Do You Know This Important Pattern?

→ Knowing → Believing  
→ Applying → Receiving

## Introduction

**Dear friend:** Have you ever been entrusted with a secret – *like the location of a hidden treasure*? Wouldn't it be amazing to ♦ know the location and ♦ retrieve the treasure?

In this brochure, I will be sharing some things from the Bible that are not commonly known – *like secrets*. For those who know them, believe them, and apply them, *the LORD is promising amazing benefits!*

This sermon is not about justification – *God making us right in His sight through Jesus, but sanctification* – *how we are called to live as God's holy children*. May God's promises of **amazing benefits** give us much encouragement to go His way!

## Mere Knowing and Believing Have NO Benefits – For Example...

### Spiritual Health:

- Some people know and believe ➔ who Jesus is – *the Son of God, and* ➔ what Jesus has done – *living sinlessly and dying sacrificially*, **but** they have **no** benefits. Why?
- They know and believe in their **heads**, **but they are not open to God's work in their hearts!** So, *they have no benefits!*

### Physical Health:

- I know and believe that **if I consistently eat healthy and exercise, I will feel better and look better.**
- **But merely knowing and believing have no benefits!**



### Financial Health:

- At some point in your life, someone has probably told you about the miracle of compound interest: If a person invested \$2,000 per year at an average of 8% interest for 40 years, he would have over \$500,000.
- THINK: He invested **80k** *but ended up with over 500k!* For all who have known the formula and believed in the miracle but have not consistently done it, *they are not in possession of the benefits!*

The sections that follow from **Proverbs chapter 3** contain **five** of the many **AMAZING SECRETS** found in the Bible. This is the pattern:

**Know ➔ Believe ➔ Apply ➔ Receive**

*Let us receive the LORD's Amazing Blessings in our lives!*

## When We Know and Do the LORD's Commandments – There Will Be Amazing Benefits

**3:1-2** [What to know and do:] **My son, do not forget my teaching, but have your heart comply with [obey] my commandments; [WHY?] for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.**

- How do we get those benefits? We must ➔ **Hear** God's word, ➔ **believe** it to be true, and ➔ **consistently** do it! Hearing and believing are important, **but it is also critical to consistently put God's word into practice!**
- Then – **hearing, believing, and doing** – we will have ➔ length of days and ➔ years of life and ➔ peace!

## When We Know and Do Kindness and Truth – There Will Be Amazing Benefits

**3:3-4** [What to know and do:] **Do not let kindness and truth leave you; [How do you prevent that?] bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. [WHY, what will be the advantages?] ...you will find favor and a good reputation in the sight of God and man.**

- How do we get those benefits?
  - Kindness [goodness] and truth must be very important to us. When they are, we will keep them:
    - ➔ around our necks (*in a safe place*) and ➔ written on our hearts (*where no one can take them away from us*). But more is necessary to get the benefits.

- We must also **consistently live ➔ goodness and ➔ truth** in our daily lives!

- **Then**, we will find ➔ **favor** and ➔ **a good reputation** *in the sight of God and man!*

## When We Know and Follow the LORD's Wisdom – There Will Be Amazing Benefits

**3:5-6** [What to know and do:] **Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him... [WHY?] He will make your paths straight.** // Let's break it down...

- **Trust in the Lord with all your heart** – *believe the Bible is true and best!*
- **do not lean on your own understanding** – *stop doing things your way!*
- **In all your ways acknowledge Him** – *Say: I'm following the LORD's way in my life!*
- **WHY? He will make your paths straight** – In other words: *The LORD will show us what is best in every circumstance of life!*

## When We Fear the LORD and Turn from Evil – There Will Be Amazing Benefits

**3:7-8** [What to avoid:] **Do not be wise in your own eyes; [What to do:] fear the LORD and turn away from evil. [WHY?] It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones.** // Let's break it down...