



## **GOD NEVER SAID THAT – “It Doesn’t Matter What You Do”**

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCE – Proverbs 3:1-8

### SERMON SUMMARY TWEET

- If you want to find your way in life make sure God’s ways direct your ways in all the ways along your way.

### INTRODUCING THE CONCEPT

- Be careful of the thinking that God doesn’t care how we live our life.
- Some of the dumb things we do in life have their foundation in that mistaken understanding.
- Behavior matters!

### GOD’S WAYS AND OUR WAYS ARE SELDOM THE SAME WAYS

- Two opposing ways, or natures, exist: God’s and ours.
- Proverbs 3:5 focuses on understanding. Where is the “naw” in your life?

### GOD’S WAYS MAKE PROMISES THAT OUR WAYS CAN’T MAKE

- Proverbs often are written in the scenario of “high likelihood.” See Proverbs 22:6 as an example.
- Multiple promises are made in the first part of chapter 3.
  - ✓ Verse 2 – prolong your life.
  - ✓ Verse 2 – bring you prosperity.
  - ✓ Verse 4 – favor and a good name with God and man.
  - ✓ Verse 6 – straight paths.
- Notice the sandwich principle of the text.
  - ✓ The meat is the text of chapter three.
  - ✓ The first slice of bread is before the text – sex.
  - ✓ The second slice of bread is after the text – money.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Ice Breaker – Between now and Labor Day, what would describe a successful summer for you?
2. What is a really dumb thing you did or a dumb decision you made in your school years? Why do you think you did that or made that choice?
3. How do you go about making a decision or taking a specific step to make sure it is within God's will for your life?
4. What are some of God's ways in His Word that do not always make sense to us and we would naturally choose a different way?
5. How can you choose to follow God's way if it differs from your way? In other words, how do you really do that?
6. Think of some "likelihood" scenarios. If you do "this" then "that" will most likely occur.
7. Look at Proverbs 22:6 as an example of the likelihood scenario. What are some things that parents, and even grandparents and uncles and aunts, can do that will increase the likelihood of children following God later in life?
8. Look at the promises in verses 2, 4, and 6. Think of examples of where those promises can come about in a person's life if they follow God's ways instead of their own ways.
9. Notice the detail of "in all your ways" in verse 6. What are some of the ways then tend to get dismissed when following God's ways?

