

# Supplementary Scripture Reading for FLORA, FAUNA, AND FAITH: AUTUMN DEVOTIONALS

All Scripture in New Living Translation

## Day 35: Proverbs 3

- 3:1** My child, never forget the things I have taught you.  
Store my commands in your heart.
- 2** If you do this, you will live many years,  
and your life will be satisfying.
- 3** Never let loyalty and kindness leave you!  
Tie them around your neck as a reminder.  
Write them deep within your heart.
- 4** Then you will find favor with both God and people,  
and you will earn a good reputation.
- 5** Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
do not depend on your own understanding.
- 6** Seek his will in all you do,  
and he will show you which path to take.
- 7** Don't be impressed with your own wisdom.  
Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil.
- 8** Then you will have healing for your body  
and strength for your bones.
- 9** Honor the Lord with your wealth  
and with the best part of everything you produce.
- 10** Then he will fill your barns with grain,  
and your vats will overflow with good wine.
- 11** My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline,  
and don't be upset when he corrects you.
- 12** For the Lord corrects those he loves,  
just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.
- 13** Joyful is the person who finds wisdom,  
the one who gains understanding.
- 14** For wisdom is more profitable than silver,  
and her wages are better than gold.
- 15** Wisdom is more precious than rubies;  
nothing you desire can compare with her.
- 16** She offers you long life in her right hand,  
and riches and honor in her left.
- 17** She will guide you down delightful paths;  
all her ways are satisfying.



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- 18** Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her;  
happy are those who hold her tightly.
- 19** By wisdom the Lord founded the earth;  
by understanding he created the heavens.
- 20** By his knowledge the deep fountains of the earth burst forth,  
and the dew settles beneath the night sky.
- 21** My child, don't lose sight of common sense and discernment.  
Hang on to them,
- 22** for they will refresh your soul.  
They are like jewels on a necklace.
- 23** They keep you safe on your way,  
and your feet will not stumble.
- 24** You can go to bed without fear;  
you will lie down and sleep soundly.
- 25** You need not be afraid of sudden disaster  
or the destruction that comes upon the wicked,
- 26** for the Lord is your security.  
He will keep your foot from being caught in a trap.
- 27** Do not withhold good from those who deserve it  
when it's in your power to help them.
- 28** If you can help your neighbor now, don't say,  
"Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."
- 29** Don't plot harm against your neighbor,  
for those who live nearby trust you.
- 30** Don't pick a fight without reason,  
when no one has done you harm.
- 31** Don't envy violent people  
or copy their ways.
- 32** Such wicked people are detestable to the Lord,  
but he offers his friendship to the godly.
- 33** The Lord curses the house of the wicked,  
but he blesses the home of the upright.
- 34** The Lord mocks the mockers  
but is gracious to the humble.
- 35** The wise inherit honor,  
but fools are put to shame!

