



“My son, don’t forget My law, but let your heart keep My commandments; for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them about your neck; write them on the table of your heart; so shall you find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.” Proverbs 3:1 – 4

Who doesn’t want to be favoured? How much would it be worth to have people understand you? What value is length of days and a long life? Of course, those are all intangibles, but nonetheless, they are of high worth to most people.

God’s Word has promised us “length of days and long life.” “With long life will I satisfy him...” (Psalm 91:16). And it is God’s Word – bound around our neck, written upon our heart – that brings the great blessings of favour and good understanding! When bound around our neck and written upon our hearts the Word produces a spiritual balance that is sought after by many but few ever realize.

The natural tendency is to swing far to one extreme or the other. We either are harsh with the truth or “sloppy with agape¹.” The mature and wise saint has learned to “speak the truth in love”, thus enabling other Christians to ‘grow up unto Him Who is the head, even Christ.’ (Ephesians 4:15).

As we labour to this point of balance and maturity – operating in mercy and truth simultaneously – we may expect the Spirit of the Lord to release upon us favour and understanding in the sight of both God and men!

“My God, help me to “speak the truth in love.” Mercy and truth are resident within my life because You, the source and fount of all mercy and truth, are resident within my life! And because You are living within me, I believe favour and good understanding are working in and through me... working through me to bless others and working in me to make me more and more like You!”

¹ The Greek word for love on God’s level.

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