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## Proverbs 3:5-12

God has created us with a longing to know that our presence in this world counts. He has also designed us to find the fulfillment of that desire through His Son Jesus Christ.

Dependence on the Lord is central to an abundant life. Trusting Him with all of our heart means giving Him control over our families, finances, jobs, and everything else in our life. Today's passage emphasizes how essential trust is to a fruitful life: We are cautioned against being wise in our own eyes and warned not to lean on our own understanding. When faced with decisions, it is tempting to gather information and choose the answer *we* think is right. However, we can't know all the facts or predict with certainty how others will respond. Our heavenly Father, on the other hand, is omniscient. He "reads" the heart and perceives our every thought (1 Chronicles 28:9). No aspect of life escapes His notice (Heb. 4:13), and He cares about everyone. That's why He alone is certain which decision will be best for the circumstances we face in our life.

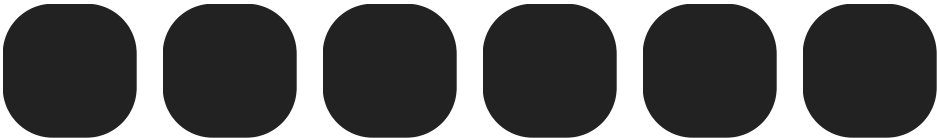
The abundant life also involves acknowledging the Lord in all we do. Speaking about Him is just part of what it means to give Him recognition. As His children, we are to have a marked resemblance to our heavenly Father—in thoughts, attitudes, and actions. Our priorities are to reflect His, and our plans should fit with His purposes.

Life becomes fruitful as we surrender ourselves to God and carry out His will. By allowing His Spirit to live through us (Gal. 2:20), we will find our life characterized by significance and satisfaction.

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