1 – **“In All Your Ways Acknowledge Him”**
Proverbs 3:1-12

2 - **Acknowledge God’s existence and continual presence**

* Begin by **acknowledging His existence**. (Hebrews 11:6)
* By acknowledging that “***I am fearfully and wonderfully made”*** (Psalms 139:14; Isaiah 45:9-13).
* Failure to acknowledge is the beginning of all apostasy. (Romans 1:28*)*
* We can’t be ***“the fool”*** – (Psalms 14:1)
* Remembering that He is ***“intimately acquainted with all my ways”***. (Psalms 139:1-10)

3 - **Acknowledge by submitting to God’s right to rule as our Creator**

* We begin by acknowledging that we are created beings & our life is not our own. (Psalms 100:3; 119:73-75)
* Acknowledge that He knows best. (Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 16:25).
* Regarding our plans we take the attitude *“If the Lord wills”* (James 4:15; Proverbs 16:9; 3:5 & 7).
* Acknowledge God’s authority. (Matt. 21:23-27; 7:21-23).
* Acknowledge by acting in faith. (Philippians 4:13; 1 Samuel 17:37ff; Hebrews 13:5; Romans 8:31)

4 - **Acknowledge God by listening to Him**

* **To Him alone**. (Matthew 17:5; Hebrews 1:1-2)
* **Paying attention**. (Proverbs 4:20; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 2:1)
* **Not allowing distractions**. (Luke 10:40)
* **Keep listening even when it challenges our will**. (Acts 22:22)

5 - **Acknowledge God by praying to Him**

* **Do** **we not *“acknowledge”* God when we unceasingly come to Him in prayer**? (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
* **When we seek His assistance and divine help**. (Psalms 38:21-22; 119:173-175)
* We acknowledge God by **not being anxious about life** (Philippians 4:6; cf., Matthew 6:).
* We acknowledge God by believing that **we can indeed cast all our anxiety upon Him** (1 Peter 5:6-8).

6 - **Acknowledge God by giving thanks**

* Recognizing that all that we have, and are, and hope to be come from Him. (James 1:17; Ephesians 1:3)
* We need to recognize God for His temporal and eternal spiritual blessings in Christ
(Colossians 4:2; 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

7 - **Acknowledge God by giving back**

* Proverbs 3:9, *“Honor the Lord from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce”.*
* Cheerfully, ungrudgingly and free of compulsion
(2 Cor. 9:7) as stewards acknowledging Him as the rightful owner.
* Not only of what we have but who we are. (Matthew 25:14ff; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Corinthians 12:15)

8 - **Acknowledge God through worship & praise**

* “*In spirit and truth*” (John 4:23-24)
* What is *“due to His name*”! (Psalms 29:2)
* What is our habit or custom? (Hebrews 10:25)
* Acknowledge God reverently. (Hebrews 12:28; Deuteronomy 10:17; Nehemiah 1:5)

9 - **Acknowledge God in our homes and families**

* Accept the roles and responsibilities that God has given us. (Ephesians 5:22-33; 6:1-4)
* In our time together and all our conversations. (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)
* How important it is to read together & pray together.

10 - **Acknowledge God at work**

* + Accept the roles and responsibilities that God has given us. (Ephesians 5:22-33; 6:1-4)
	+ In our time together and all our conversations. (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)
	+ How important it is to read together & pray together.

11 - **Acknowledge God all the days of your life**

* When you’re young(er) (Ecclesiastes 12:1) and when you’re older (Titus 2:2-3).
* “*All the days of my life*…” (Psalms 27:4)

12 - “***He will make your paths straight***…”

* The Hebrew word for “straight” means: “to lead, direct, to lead straight along” (Brown Driver & Briggs Hebrew Lexicon).
* In Matthew chapter 7, the focus of Jesus’ discussion of the narrow and straight way (vs. 13-14) is where it leads us to; that is *“to life”*.
* The point is the success of where those straight paths lead – to eternal life.
* If we walk as Christians acknowledging God then we are promised the *“entrance into the eternal kingdom will be abundantly supplied”* to us (2 Peter 1:11) and we will “be right” with God forever.