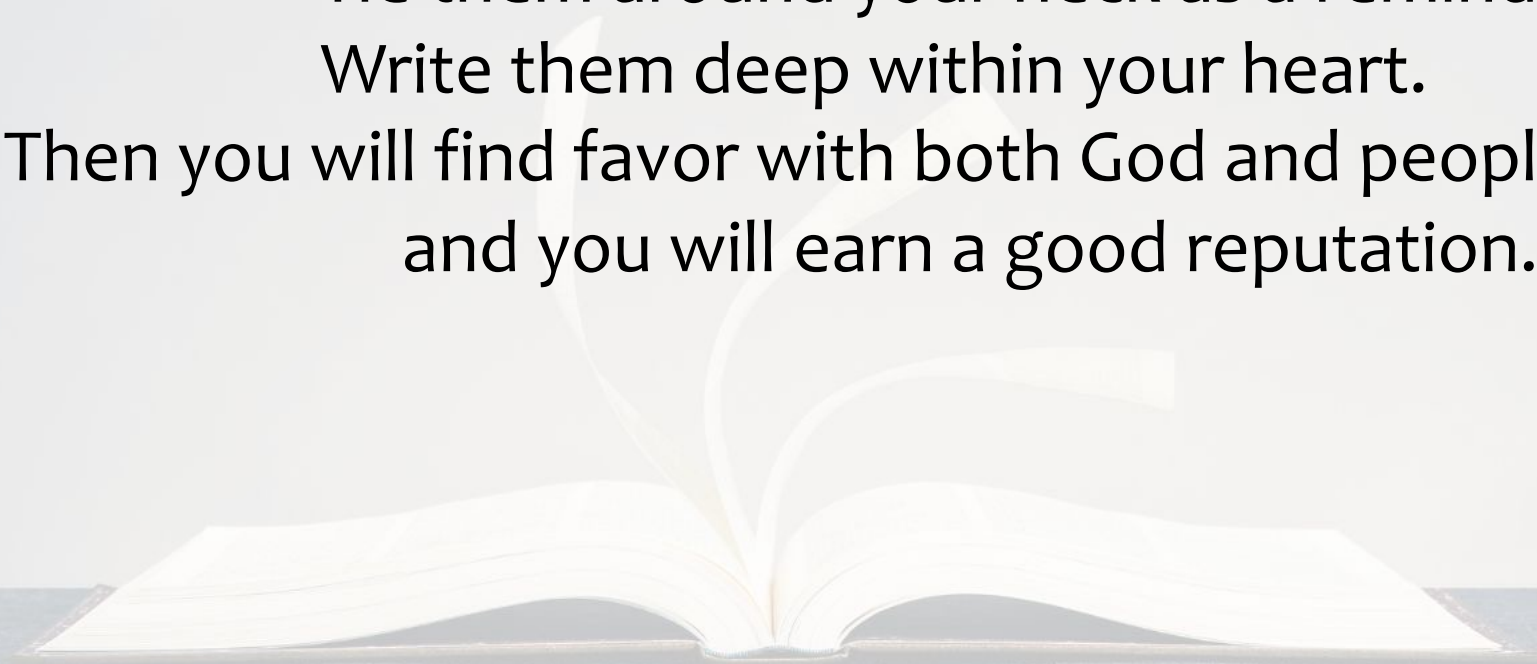


Wisdom by the Book



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- 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.



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Wisdom is often *counter-intuitive*



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Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success. (Prov. 15:22
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So don't go to war without wise guidance; victory depends on having
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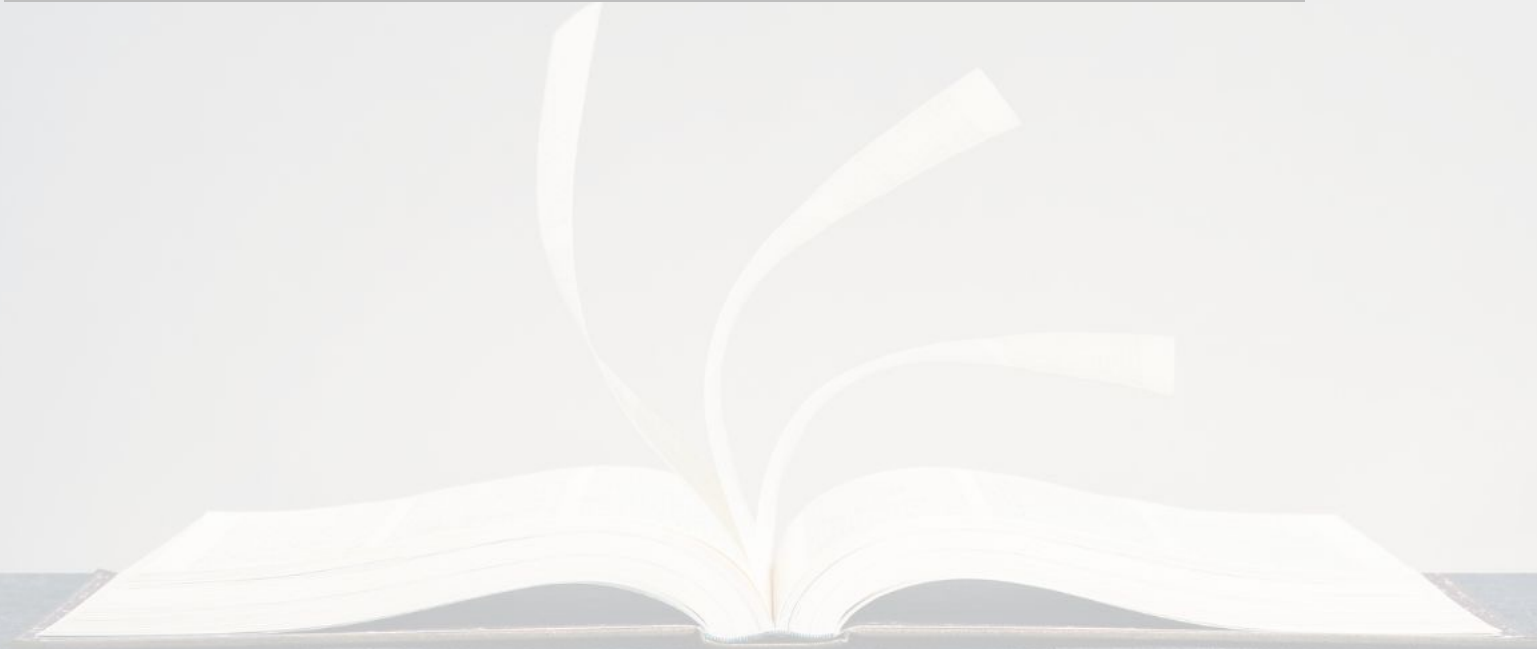
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