

Proverbs 24:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

Analysis

A house is built 'through wisdom' and 'established' through understanding. The Hebrew 'banah' (built) and 'kun' (established/made firm) describe both construction and stability. 'House' refers to household, family, and estate—the comprehensive ordering of life. Wisdom isn't abstract philosophy but practical skill in living. Reformed theology sees wisdom as fearing God and keeping His commandments. A life built on God's truth stands firm; one built on folly collapses (Matthew 7:24-27). This applies to families, churches, businesses, and personal life.

Historical Context

Building a household in ancient Israel involved not just physical construction but establishing family, managing resources, raising children, and maintaining reputation—all requiring wisdom.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Is your life (family, work, finances, relationships) being built on wisdom or folly?
2. What does it mean practically to establish your household through understanding?
3. How does Christ as Wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:24) provide the foundation for building life?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 14:1 (Parallel theme): Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

1 Corinthians 3:9 (Parallel theme): For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Proverbs 9:1 (Parallel theme): Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

Colossians 2:7 (Parallel theme): Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Jeremiah 10:12 (Parallel theme): He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

2 Samuel 7:26 (Parallel theme): And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

