

# Proverbs 7:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

## Analysis

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This verse commands binding God's commandments 'upon thy fingers' and writing them 'upon the table of thine heart.' The Hebrew 'qashar' (bind) and 'kathab' (write) indicate permanent, intimate attachment. This echoes Deuteronomy 6:8 and anticipates the new covenant promise of God's law written on hearts (Jeremiah 31:33). From a Reformed perspective, this points to sanctification—the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit impressing God's truth upon the believer's affections and actions. External symbols must lead to internal transformation.

## Historical Context

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Jewish practice included phylacteries (tefillin) containing Scripture, worn on hands and foreheads. Solomon's instruction here is both literal (physical reminders) and metaphorical (heart transformation), predating formal phylactery tradition.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What practices help you 'bind' Scripture to your daily life and decision-making?
2. How does the progression from external observance to internal transformation reflect the gospel?
3. In what ways do you need God's law more deeply written on your heart?

## Interlinear Text

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ם קִשְׁרַם	עַל	אֶצְבָּעֶיךָ יָדְךָ	ם כָּ תִבֶּם	עַל	ל וִיחַ
<b>Bind</b>	H5921	<b>them upon thy fingers</b>	<b>write</b>	H5921	<b>them upon the table</b>
H7194		H676	H3789		H3871
לִבְּךָ:					
<b>of thine heart</b>					
H3820					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 3:3** (Parallel theme): Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

**Isaiah 30:8** (Parallel theme): Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever:

**Jeremiah 31:33** (Parallel theme): But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**2 Corinthians 3:3** (Parallel theme): Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

**Proverbs 6:21** (Parallel theme): Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

**Jeremiah 17:1** (Parallel theme): The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;

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