

PROVERBS 4 - Security in Wisdom!

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- **Remember the purpose of a proverb is to know wisdom, and instruction.** To receive words of understanding, we might receive instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity. It is to help bring the truth to the simple, knowledge to the young man, and discretion. “A wise man will hear, he will increase his learning. A man of understanding will attain to the wise counsels.”

A Father's Wise Instruction

Pro 4:1 *Hear, my children, the instruction (with specific obedience) of a father, And give attention to know understanding;*

Pro 4:2 *For I give you good doctrine: Do not forsake my law.*

Pro 4:3 *When I was my father's son, Tender and the only one (Jedidiah – loved of the LORD) in the sight of my mother,*

- **Now Solomon is speaking, and thus he is speaking concerning his father, David.** Now there are indications in the scripture that David was not the best father. There were areas of failure. It would seem that he was not a good disciplinarian. Concerning one of his sons that had rebelled against him, it said that David never crossed him, never said any word that would cross him. The son ultimately rebelled against David. Through the years, David, in his own maturity, became a better father. Because he took the time to sit down with Solomon, and to instruct Solomon, give him good wise counsel.
- **Solomon then passes on to his sons, the counsel that he received** from his father. That is pretty much the way God intended it to be, that we pass down from generation to generation, basic truths, the knowledge of righteousness, and of judgment.
- **Solomon is now sharing the truth that he was taught** by his father David. “*I was my father’s son,*”
- *tender and the only one in the sight of my mother.* Who of course was Bathsheba. The first child that was born of their adulterous relationship of course, died. Then Solomon came along and he became just the only beloved in the sight of his mother.

Pro 4:4 *He also taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live.*

- **The purpose of commandments is life, it is a better life.** I think that many times children look at commandments as restrictions. “Keeping me from life, keeping me from a good time”, and not having wisdom and discretion, they see the commandments of God as something restrictive, rather than something that is, in reality, liberating you, by giving you the confines in which you should live. So that, if you go beyond these confines, you are actually going into the realms of death. You are going into things that destroy. So, “My father taught me to *let your heart retain my words; keep my commands, and live.*”

Pro 4:5 *Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.*

Pro 4:6 *Do not forsake her (wisdom), and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you (forsake her not.)*

Pro 4:7 *Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.*

- **The purpose of the educational system today is basically to impart knowledge to people.** But knowledge without wisdom can be folly. There are many smart people, but they are not very wise. In fact, I am amazed at what dumb things smart people do! I am amazed at what dumb things smart people believe! I am amazed that men of great education can believe that you can have design without a designer! I am amazed that people believe such folly, that the human body, with all of its intricacies and mechanisms, and facets, could be the product of, “blind chance”. That you could have this intricate mechanism without an intelligent designer behind it. Yet, men of knowledge believe that. But that is because they are not wise. It is sort of like the mother instructing her child that said, “Honey, when you ain’t got no education, you just got to use your brains.” And that is what wisdom is all about, just using your brains!
- **Solomon recognized the importance of having wisdom.** It is the principal thing. It is more important than knowledge, because if you have knowledge and not wisdom, then your knowledge can lead you astray. It cannot be of any value. Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge. It is sad that our

educational system does not devote itself more into bringing wisdom, instead of just imparting knowledge.

Pro 4:8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.

- **The importance** of getting wisdom

Pro 4:9 She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you."

- **The whole idea of the law, the commandments, is to teach us the way of life,** and a long, good life. You remember David in the first Psalm, declares that "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and he meditates in that day and night". The effect will be, "He will be like a tree that is planted by the rivers of water, which brings forth his fruit in his season. His leaf also shall not wither". That is talking about a good, long life. "And whatsoever he does will prosper." David is instructing Solomon in the importance of wisdom.
- **When God came to Solomon, when he ascended to the throne, at the death of his father David,** and the Lord said to Solomon, "Ask of me what I shall give unto you". So, when Solomon prayed, he said, "Lord, grant unto me wisdom". His father said, "Get wisdom son. That is the principal thing." So, when he was given his request, God said, "Just ask, what would you like today?" Solomon asked for wisdom. And the Lord said, "Inasmuch as you didn't ask for riches and you didn't ask for fame, but you asked for wisdom, I not only will give you wisdom, but I will also bless you with wealth and with other things". But you see, wisdom is the door to these other things also. For then when you have them, you will use them wisely. There are a lot of people that have a lot of things, but they do not use them wisely at all. Wisdom, that is the principal thing.

Pro 4:10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many.

- **Solomon evidently really took to heart what his father said.** He is passing it on now to his son. Now in verse ten, Solomon takes up his own discourse. "Hear my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life shall be many." Heed them! Again, long life is associated with the keeping of these commandments, or these rules, or these principles that he is teaching. If you give heed, he said...

Pro 4:11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths.

Pro 4:12 When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble.

- **Your steps will not be hindered.** If you are wise, you will be able to see many avenues. You will not have tunnel vision, but you will be able to consider wisely, the options, the various options that are there, you will not be hindered or stumbled.

Pro 4:13 Take firm hold (seize) of instruction (discipline), do not let go; Keep (guard) her, for she is your life.

- **He is talking about the basic issues of life.** A good life!

Pro 4:14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil.

- **Here are the instructions that will lead you** into life, into a good long life.

Pro 4:15 Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away (depart) from it and pass on.

- **Do not get entrapped in evil, or in wickedness,** or with evil people.

Pro 4:16 For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; And their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall (They are bent towards evil.)

Pro 4:17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence.

Pro 4:18 But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

- **In contrast now, the wicked eating the bread of wickedness,** drinking the wine of violence, doing mischief, "but the path of the just like the shining sun, *that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.*
- What a beautiful scripture!

Pro 4:19 The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble.

- **It is like walking in darkness, you stumble over things** you do not even realize that are there.

Pro 4:20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

Pro 4:21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

Pro 4:22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

- **Again, over and over, its life, these are the rules to life.** It is just healthy to live a good life!

Pro 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence (above all keeping), For out of it spring the issues of life.

- **This is one of those important principals of life!** We are to keep our hearts with all diligence. What we hear is important. What we study is important. What we see is important. We should recognize that out of that heart will come all of the great issues of our lives. .

- **The bible says that out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.** Jesus said that fornications and all these evil things, proceed out of the heart of man! So, “*Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life*”. Put a, put a guard, a filter over your mind, over your heart.
- **One of the greatest crimes that a person can commit is to plant evil, or filth in the mind of a child.** Because stuff that is planted there, stays there. Crud that has been planted in your mind stays with you during your lifetime. It is, a crime, to take and to spoil a pure little mind, an innocent mind of a child, with filth. “*Keep your heart with all diligence.*”

Pro 4:24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you.

Pro 4:25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you.

Pro 4:26 Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.

Pro 4:27 Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

- ***Put away from you a deceitful mouth, which is a brash, bragging kind of a mouth.***

OPEN OUR EYES, LORD - Maranatha Music (4:30)

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Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus

To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him

Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen

Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus (2X)

PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD

LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation, including Xi Jinping – China;

Narendra Modi - India; Joe Biden – USA; Joko Widodo - Indonesia; Luiz Lula da Silva - Brazil;

Arif Alvi - Pakistan; Bola Tinubu - Nigeria; Hasina Wazed - Bangladesh; Vladimir Putin - Russia;

Lopez Obrador–Mexico; Benjamin Netanyahu–Israel; Olaf Scholz – Germany; Keir Starmer – U.K.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE/MILITARY; ISRAEL:

FOR STATES POSTING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS! LOUISIANA! TENNESSEE!

OKLAHOMA? OTHER STATES?

Why, with all the wisdom that the LORD had given Solomon, did he finish poorly? Disobedience!

1Ki 3:14 So **if** you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

1Ki 6:12 "Concerning this temple which you are building, **if** you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to your father David.

1Ki 8:25 Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only **if** your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.'

1Ki 9:4 Now **if** you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and **if** you keep My statutes and My judgments,

1Ki 9:6-7 But **if** you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, [7] **then** I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

1Ki 11:4 For it was so, when Solomon was old, **that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God,** as was the heart of his father David.

1Ki 11:9 So the **LORD became angry** with **Solomon,** because **his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel,** who had appeared to him twice,

1Ki 11:38 Then it shall be, **if** you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, **then** I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.