
Proverbs 4:1-19

v1 Solomon calls to the
next Generation...
Not just to listen to...
but to embrace wisdom

¹ Hear, O sons, the instruction of a father,

And give attention that you may gain understanding,

v2 because wisdom is
"healthy" or sound..

² For I give you sound teaching;

Do not abandon my instruction. *Don't walk away from your faith*

v3-4
Just as Solomon was
taught

³ When I was a son to my father,

Tender and the only son in the sight of my mother,

⁴ Then he taught me and said to me,

"Let your heart hold fast my words;

Keep my commandments and live;

v5 Here is how to
begin...

⁵ Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding!

Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

v6 Because wisdom
Provides protection

⁶ "Do not forsake her, and she will guard you;

Love her, and she will watch over you.

v7 but must be embraced
not just audited...

⁷ "The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom;

And with all your acquiring, get understanding.

v8 Wisdom provides
excellence

⁸ "Prize her, and she will exalt you;

She will honor you if you embrace her.

v9 and exaltation

⁹ "She will place on your head a garland of grace;

She will present you with a crown of beauty."

he talks directly
to his son

¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my sayings

And the years of your life will be many.

i.e. You will not die the death of a fool

v11-12 Life will be a
whole lot easier

¹¹ I have directed you in the way of wisdom;
I have led you in upright paths.

¹² When you walk, your steps will not be impeded;
And if you run, you will not stumble.

v13 Protect Your
relationship
with God...

¹³ Take hold of instruction; do not let go.
Guard her, for she is your life.

v14 no when to say "No"

¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked
And do not proceed in the way of evil men.

v15 Don't play with sin

¹⁵ Avoid it, do not pass by it;
Turn away from it and pass on.

v16 as it is evil and
cruel
See sin for what it is

¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they do evil;
And they are robbed of sleep unless they
make someone stumble.

v17 that kind of
"fellowship" is
dangerous...

¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness
And drink the wine of violence.

BUT the faithful?
v18 things grow brighter
and brighter

¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
That shines brighter and brighter until the full day.

...until we see God
face to face

¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like darkness;
They do not know over what they stumble.

v19 But the life of sin
grows dark and dangerous