

“Wisdom Perfects our Path”

Pursuing Sanctification’s Hold

Proverbs 4:1-27

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Book Outline:



**I. Contrast Between Good and Evil
Proverbs 1-9**

**II. Work, Anger, Pride, Folly, Wealth, Speech
Selected Proverbs**

**III. Words of Agur
Proverbs 30**

**IV. Words of Lemuel
Proverbs 31**

Proverb's Theme Statement:

**“The fear of the LORD is the
beginning of knowledge;
Fools despise wisdom and
instruction. (1:7)**

Chapter's Key Verse(s):

**“The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom;
And with all your acquiring, get understanding.
(4:7)**

**“But the path of the righteous is like the light of
dawn, That shines brighter and brighter until the
full day.”
(4:18)**

4 kinds of people responding to the fear of the Lord.:

- 1) Those who have no fear or the outcome of their sin. (Rom. 3:18; Rev. 16:17-21)**
- 2) Those who fear the consequences of their sin, but reject God's redemption. (Rom.13:3-5; Rev 5:15)**
- 3) People who care about their sin but who don't have a right relationship with the Lord. (Acts 10:2; 13:6;26)**
- 4) People who affectionally fear God because they are redeemed and because they care greatly about minimizing sin in their lives. (Acts 10:35-36; 2 Cor 7:1; Romans 10:9-13)**

Primary areas of Life:

- 1) **Spiritual Wisdom**
- 2) **Personal Wisdom**
- 3) **Family Wisdom**
- 4) **Intellectual Wisdom**
- 5) **Marketplace Wisdom**
- 6) **Societal Wisdom**

Theme:

Pursuing Wisdom' Path

A Believer's Work Ethic

Every believer, without exception, must decide his or her resolve to pursue this life long task of obtaining wisdom.

Grasping wisdom takes work and tireless effort.

Like mining gold with a pick ax, the believer develops deep spiritual callouses on his hands in his daily digging efforts.

All efforts motivated by the “Fear of the Lord,” lead the believer onward on the path of grasping two foundational truths found in Proverbs 3:5-6.

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2) **Obey** God's Word as your practical authority. Verse 6. "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.”

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I. A Father's First Plea

- Knowing **God's Word** (4:1-9)

II. A Father's Second Plea

- Trusting in **God's Providence** (4:10-19)

III. A Father's Third Plea

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A. An opening appeal to Listen (10-13)

B. An Exhortation to Refrain from Evil (14-19)

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Types of Hearts

Double heart: Ps. 12:2

Hard heart: 28:14

Proud Heart: 21:4

Unbelieving Heart: Heb 3:12

Cold Heart: Mat 24:12

Unclean Heart: 51:10

“Search me, O God, and know **My Heart**”
(Psalm 139:23)

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Types of Lips

Perverse lips 4:24

Lying Lips 12:22

Flattering Lips 20:19

Undisciplined Lips 10:19; 13:3

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Application:

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1) Turn to James 1:13-15

Challenge: Let Wisdom have it's work in your Heart

2) Result: James 1:18; Proverbs 4:18