

Proverbs 4:1-27
“Fatherly Advice”

~ LET'S PRAY ~

NOW... TONIGHT...

- Solomon continues...
 - As he passes on the heritage of wisdom.
 - The family secret of successful living.

CHAPTER #4 – EXPANDS THE WISDOM...

- From “*son*” (singular) in (chp. 1 – 3)...
 - To “*children*” or *son’s (plural).

(vv.1-4)...

- The heritage of wisdom is being passed down...
 - From one generation to the next.

~ STUDY ~

(v.1)...

“*Hear*” = (Shaw-ma-uh)...

- Meaning: To hear intelligently...
 - With attention & obedience.

(v.2) “*Doctrine*” = Teaching & instruction thru persuasiveness.

- Perhaps we would understand influence better.

CHURCH...

- Learning to walk with Jesus is something...
 - We must apply ourselves TOO...
 - a) By investing in learning ourselves...
 - b) AND building relationships with others...
 - So we can influence them.

IT’S BEEN SAID...

- “Christianity is more often caught than taught.”
 - The aspect of being discipled & discipling others...
 - IS all done in an up close and personal way.

PAUL DID IT THIS WAY...

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(Acts 19:8) NKJV

“... For three months reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.”

NOW... (vv.3-4)

- Solomon’s dad (David) & his mother (Bathsheba)...
- Are both referenced here.

SOLOMON IS SAYING...

- This stuff is worth listening to...
- Because of the quality of life it’s brings you.

(vv.5-9)...

- Wisdom is personified as a woman...
- That should be embraced.
- Passing this onto young men this way...
- Helped them grab hold of the lesson.

IDEAS TO HANG ON TO:

#1 – LEARN GOOD JUDGMENT

- How do we get this?
- (Prov. 9:10) NLT

#2 – DEVELOP GOOD JUDGMENT

- How do we do this?
- (Heb. 5:13-14) NKJV

#3 – USE GOOD JUDGMENT

- How do we use this?
- (Prov. 8:5) NLT
- (Prov. 9:6) NLT

THE APPLICATION – PRESERVATION FROM TROUBLE

(vv.10-19)

- These verses amplify the **lesson** of this chapter.

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➤ Preservation from Trouble:

- (vv.10-13) Cover the way of wisdom...
 - And the value of not being hindered.
 - I have taught you (v.11a)
 - I have led you (v.11b)
 - Take firm hold (v.13)
- (vv.14-17) A wicked life feeds on...
 - Selfishness & violence.
 - This lifestyle is filled...
 - With the ways of darkness... (v.19) NLT
- (vv.18-19) The lesson is summarized...
 - With the results of the path chosen:
 - Wise = Growth & development.
 - Wicked = Wasted life with nothing to show for it.

NEXT LESSON – WHAT AFFECTS YOUR LIFE?

(vv.20-27)...

- Uses body parts to communicate truth...
 - And to steer us away from dangerous compromises.

(v.20) = Ear

(v.21) = Eyes / heart

(v.22) = Flesh

SIMPLE POINT... (vv.20-22)

- The things we **hear** & the things we **see**...
 - Affect our **lives**.

(v.23) = *Heart*

- We're to protect our hearts...
 - Because this is where **values are formed**...
 - And convictions are lived out.

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SO... THE IDEA IS...

- **What goes in comes out.**

➤ (v.24) = *Mouth / lips*

IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL...

- What you place before your eyes... (v.25)...

➤ You'll soon come to **crave it** – (lust of the eyes).

(vv.26-27) AND THIS CRAVING...

- Will turn into **a habit** in your life...

➤ That traps you & steals what God created you for.

~ IN CLOSING ~

THE BIG TAKE AWAY IS...

DON'T STRAY FROM WISDOM...

- And your life will not be consumed...

➤ With unnecessary pain.

○ (v.1) *Hear my children the instruction of a father...*