



The Book of
Proverbs

THE proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
To know wisdom and instruction,
To perceive the words of understanding,
To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Justice, judgment, and equity;
To give prudence to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion—
A wise man will create

7 ^RThe fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction. Job 28:28
8 ^RMy son, hear the instruction of your father,
And do not forsake the law of your mother;
For they will be graceful ornaments on your head,
And chains about your neck.
9 ^RMy son, if you will receive my words,
And will not forsake my commandments,
You will be wise and will be successful,
And will be honored and will not be despised.
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And will not forsake my commandments,
You will be wise and will be successful,
And will be honored and will not be despised.



Listen, my children, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding.

I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching.

When I was a boy in my father's house, still tender, and an only child of my mother, he taught me and said, "Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live.

Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them.

(Proverbs 4 vs 1-5)



Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.

Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honour you.

She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor.”

Listen, my child, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.

(Proverbs 4 vs 6-10)



I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.

When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil people.

Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way.

(Proverbs 4 vs 11-15)



For they cannot sleep till they do evil; they are robbed of slumber till they make someone fall.

They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

My child, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words.

(Proverbs 4 vs 16-20)



Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a person's whole body.

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.

Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you.

(Proverbs 4 vs 21-25)



Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm.

Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

(Proverbs 4 vs 26-27)



*Knowledge
Experience
Wisdom*







- A foundation of relationship

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- Litter-pickers, not plates

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- Value wisdom

What does wisdom do?

- Protects
- Helps us avoid sin
- Companion on life's journey
- A matter of the heart



Pursue wisdom by...

- Reading the Bible
- Asking God
- Fixing your eyes on Jesus

