

Proverbs 4

V. The Father's Fourth Lesson

A. The Repetition and Why -

1. Listen to me - Pr 1:8; 2:1; 3:1

- a. Hear the instruction of a father
- b. give attention to know understanding
- c. Do not forsake my law.

2. I give you good doctrine:

- a. good - as perceived by God
- b. *leqach* - something received, instruction (whether the teacher or hearer); also (in an active and sinister sense) inveiglement:--doctrine, learning, fair speech.

3. Where I received my Doctrine

- a. nurtured by parents in the things of the Lord - vs 3; Eph 6:4
 - i. When I was my father's son, - 1Ch 29:1
 - ii. Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,
- b. Dads appeal to me - vs 4
 - i. "Let your heart retain my words; - 1Ch 28:9
 - ii. Keep my commands, and live. - Pr 7:2

B. The Continued Call - vs 5-7; Pr 2:2-3

1. Get it - Get wisdom! Get understanding!

- a. Do not forget, - *shakach* - to mislay, to be oblivious of, from want of memory or attention, (cause to) forget.
- b. nor turn away from the words of my mouth. - *natah* - to stretch or spread out; to bend away; decline, extend, go down, be gone, cause to yield.

2. Got it

- a. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; - 2Th 2:10
- b. Love her, and she will keep you.

3. Good - Wisdom is the **principal** thing; - of first priority - Lu 10:42

- a. Therefore get wisdom
- b. And in all your getting, get understanding.

4. And More

- a. Exalt her,
- b. Benefits - she will
 - i. promote you;
 - ii. bring you honor, when you embrace her. - 1Sa 2:30
 - iii. place on your head an ornament of grace; she will - Pr 1:9; 3:22
 - iv. deliver to you a crown of glory

5. One more time for Good Measure - 10-13

- a. Hear, and receive my sayings, - And the years of your life will be many. - 3:2
 - i. I have taught you in the way of wisdom;

- ii. I have led you in right paths.
- b. When you walk, And when you run,
 - i. your steps will not be hindered, - Ps 18:36
 - ii. you will not stumble. - Pr 3:23
- c. Final Thoughts
 - i. Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her,
 - ii. for she is your life.

C. Putting It Into Practice - vs 14-19

1. Path of the Wicked - vs 14-17

- a. Walking in the way of Evil - Ps 1:1; Pr 1:10,15
 - i. Do not enter; do not walk
 - ii. Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on.
- b. The Wicked
 - i. Can't sleep unless they have done evil; make someone fall. - Ps 36:4; Isa 57:20; Mic 2:1
 - ii. It is a part of them - Jo 6:51-58
 - For they eat the bread of wickedness,
 - And drink the wine of violence.

2. Contrasting the Paths of the Just - vs 18-19

- a. The Path of the Just - 2Sa 23:4; Isa 26:7; Mt 5:14,45; Php 2:15
 - i. is like the shining sun,
 - ii. That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.
- b. The way of the wicked - 1Sa 2:9; Job 18:5-6; Isa 59:9-10; Jer 23:12; Jo 12:35
 - i. is like darkness;
 - ii. They do not know what makes them stumble.

D. From Your Center - vs 20-27

- 1. give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.– Pro 2:1
 - a. Do not let them depart from your eyes; - Pro 3:3
 - b. Keep them in the midst of your heart; - Pro 3:21
 - c. The Benefits
 - i. For they are life to those who find them,
 - ii. And health to all their flesh. - Pr 3:8; 12:18
- 2. Keeping the Heart - vs 23-27 with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. - Mt 12:34; Mr 7:21
- 3. From the Heart the Mouth Speaks -
 - a. Put away from you a deceitful mouth,
 - b. And put perverse lips far from you.
- 4. The Eye is the Light of the Body
 - a. Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you.
 - b. Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. - Heb 12:13
 - i. Do not turn to the right or the left; - De 5:32; 28:14; Jos 1:7
 - ii. Remove your foot from evil. - Isa 1:16; Ro 12:9