

Lesson 6
Righteousness and Wickedness
Proverbs 4:1-27

I. The Encouragement to seek wisdom (4:1-9)

A. A father's appeal (3:1-2)

- The son is urged to listen to _____.

B. The passing on of instructions (4:3-9)

1. Reflection on his boyhood (4:3)

- Solomon remembers the instructions he received from _____.

2. The teaching of David his father (4:4-9)

a. The appeal to listen (4:4)

- He was urged to internalize _____.

b. Gain wisdom (4:5a)

- He was commanded to seek _____.

c. Do turn from wisdom (4:5b-6)

- He was not to _____ because it will preserve his life.

d. Seek wisdom (4:7)

- He is to do everything he can to _____.

e. The value of wisdom (4:8-9)

- By valuing wisdom, she will _____.

II. Wisdom preserves from trouble (4:10-19)

A. The benefits of heeding (4:10-13)

1. Longevity of life (4:10)

- By heeding his instructions, _____ will be added to life.

2. Instruction imparted (4:11)

- The father has taught him everything that was _____.

3. The course of life (4:12)

- Wisdom will insure that he does not _____ in how he lives.

4. The call to heed (4:13)

- The son is once again called to _____.

B. The command to avoid wickedness (4:14-17)

1. Avoid the way of the wicked (4:14-15)

- The son is to do everything possible to avoid and not live in _____.

2. The nature of the wicked (4:16-17)

- The very nature of the wicked is to _____ to evil.

C. The righteous contrasted with the wicked (4:18-19)

- The righteous reflect _____ while the wicked reflect _____.

III. Wisdom produces health (4:20-27)

A. A call to heed (4:20-21)

- Again the father calls the son to _____.

B. The nature of his instruction (4:22)

- His instructions will bring _____.

C. Guard your heart (4:23)

- He tells his son to guard his heart which is _____.

D. Guard your lips (4:24)

- The son is to make every effort to _____.

E. Guard your eyes (4:25)

- The son should _____ on the wise path and _____.

F. Consider your actions (4:26-27)

- The son is to give thought to _____ as he avoids evil.