

Proverbs - Chapter 4

Parental Appeal Each of the exhortations in Proverbs 1-9 start with a parental appeal, but the one found here in chapter 4 is more emphatic. It even includes a quote from Solomon's own father, David.

1. As in many other sections of Proverbs 1-9, we see wisdom presented to the child from a parent's point of view. From whom do our children receive instruction? What are some practical lessons and dangers of which we should actively warn our children?
2. We often think of Solomon's wisdom coming as a result of his prayer to God. What do verses 3-4 suggest is the source of at least some of Solomon's teaching?
3. Some of the Proverbs are tricky to translate and can appear redundant. According to verse 7, what is the principle thing about wisdom? How would you put this in your own words?
4. Verses 11-19 compares our life to a walk on a path. What are the dangers listed here? How critical is it that we watch where we are going?
5. Verses 16-17 speak of the path of the wicked. For what do they live?
6. How would you state the main advice from verses 20-27 in your own words?