

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

THE INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM AND THE APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE
TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN ALL THAT WE THINK, SAY AND DO TO THE HONOR OF OUR
LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE WAY OF WISDOM WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE — PART 5

The instruction of wisdom and the application of knowledge to the glory of God,
and all that we think, say, and do to the honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Let's Stand & Turn In Our Bible's To The Reading of Our Text Today

Let's Grab Our Bibles & Stand for the Reading of God's Word.

Proverbs 2:10-22

10 When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, 11 discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you, 12 to deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things, 13 from those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; 14 who rejoice in doing evil, and delight in the perversity of the wicked; 15 whose ways are crooked, and who are devious in their paths; 16 to deliver you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words, 17 who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God. 18 For her house leads down to death, and her paths to the dead; 19 none who go to her return, nor do they regain the paths of life — 20 So you may walk in the way of goodness and keep to the paths of righteousness. 21 For the upright will dwell in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; 22 but the wicked will be cut off from the earth, and the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.

“Unlike any other book in the Bible, the book of Proverbs is not what we are accustomed to when it comes to studying the Bible. We’re use to a systematic order of things or a chronology to the learning. That is because most often, the Bible is structured and arranged in themes or outlined by particular doctrines. But the book of Proverbs is not like that. Rather, it is designed as a personal conversation between a father and son. It is to equip us in such a way that we might live a practical, godly and holy life. With every Proverb – we are given a take-away-lesson that we can practically live out, so as to develop an effective, bold and faith-filled life in the midst of a sin-filled world.”

Which is why Dr. Ray Stedman said:

No other book of the Old Testament appears to be quite as difficult to outline as the book of Proverbs. Like the dictionary, it seems to change the subject with every verse.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the **issues** of life.

Issues

HEB: totsaaah

From the center to the vanishing point and beyond, to the escapes, the farthest point. all-encompassing and in all directions.

Proverbs 28:1

The wicked flee when no one pursues, **but the righteous are bold as a lion.**

Notice:

What we’ve learned thus far in this chapter has been somewhat startling. Not because it’s obscure or abstract, but because it blatantly direct & honest. It’s the perversity of the man and the promiscuity of the woman that drives them both to a painful, destructive, and eventually, premature death, leading to hell itself.

"She is the ensnaring enemy of morality and virtue, who today, as in Solomon's day, pursues her nefarious traffic in the bodies and souls of the young and unwary. Forsaking the guide of her youth, forgetting the covenant of her God - she gives herself up to impure pleasures and soul destroying lust."

Dr. H. A. Ironside, Pastor
Moody Bible Church, Chicago, Illinois. 1942

THE WAY OF WISDOM WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE

1.) But We've Got to **Wise up** (*worldly wisdom*) vs. 1-5

2.) But We've Got to **Show up** (*seize opportunities*) vs. 6-9

3.) But We've Got to **Wake up** (*good vs. evil*) vs. 10-13

4.) But We've Got to **Stand up** (*to the world*) vs. 14-19

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4a.) Stand up to **temptation** vs. 14-15

4b.) Stand up to **lusts** vs. 16-17

4c.) Stand up to **ruin** vs. 18-19

THE WAY OF WISDOM WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE STAND UP

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. **19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

“Sexual sin is the decisive, willful act of your soul, to deliberately take what is not your own (your body) and give it to an unauthorized individual - deciding to submit to their will to be over your body.”

Flee GRK: ph'eu'go:

To escape away from, to run away in a straight-line, to get maximum distance between or from the danger as fast as you can.

Ph'eu'go Por'nei'a
to become a fugitive from sexual sin.

Sexual immorality GRK: por'nei'a

Unchaste behavior, fornication, adultery, all or any manner of unsanctioned sexual activity.

Every single one of us is guilty of having committed the sin of sexual immorality. – yes you !!!

Matthew 5:27-30

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ **28** But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. **29** If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. **30** And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

But have YOU been set free from continuing to commit this sin? – that is the question !!!

If You Belong to the Lord Jesus Christ -
It is Because You are Fully and Completely His Very Own.

1 Corinthians 6:19b-20

19b You are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God **in your body** and **in your spirit**, which are (possessive) God's.

Today We Have **God's Remedy** for the Sexually Immoral Life

THE WAY OF WISDOM **WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE**

5.) **Walk up** (as being on the path)

vs. 20-22

5a.) The path of **goodness**

vs. 20

Verse 20

20 So you may **walk** in the way of goodness
and **keep** to the **paths** of righteousness.

Walk

HEB: ha'lak

To go, to get up onto the path, to journey on, to continue on walking in the way. (To be on your way to a destination and not allow a delay.)

"To go back is nothing but death; to go forward is the fear of death,
and life everlasting beyond it. I will yet go forward!"

- *Christian*

The Pilgrim's Progress. John Bunyan
1678, Bedfordshire Prison, England

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Goodness HEB. tob

The good, all that is pleasing, pleasant, agreeable, fulfilling, all that is preferred above all things. (the **I AM**, the eternal, all becoming one, the one that becomes what you need.)

Exodus 3:13-14

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* His name?' what shall I say to them?"

14 And God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM.**" And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, '**I AM** has sent me to you.' "

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM**."

Mark 10:17-18

Now as Jesus was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "**Good Teacher**, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" **18** So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call **Me good**? No one is good but **One**, that is, **God**."

So that you may walk in the way of **THE I AM** vs. **SELF**
So that you may walk in the way of **GOODNESS** vs. **EVIL**
So that you may walk in the way of **PLEASANTNESS** vs. **GRIEF**
So that you may walk in the way of **LOVE** vs. **HATE**
So that you may walk in the way of **JOY** vs. **DEPRESSION**
So that you may walk in the way of **LIFE** vs. **DEATH**
So that you may walk in the way of **LIGHT** vs. **DARKNESS**
So that you may walk in the way of **SAFETY** vs. **FEAR**
So that you may walk in the way of **VICTORY** vs. **DEFEAT**
So that you may walk in the way of **ETERNITY** vs. **TODAY**

This is what God wants for your life !

Psalms 65:11

You crown the year with Your **goodness**,
and **Your paths** drip with abundance.

Exodus 34:6

And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in **goodness** and truth,

Psalms 23:6a

Surely **goodness** and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

Psalms 25:8

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, He teaches sinners in the way.

Psalms 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is **good**;
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Psalms 145:9

The LORD is **good** to all,
And His tender mercies are over all His works.

James 1:17

Every **good** gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

**THE WAY OF WISDOM
WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE
WALK UP**

5b.) The path of **security**

vs. 21

Verse 21

21 For the upright will **dwell** in the land,
and the blameless will **remain** in it;

Dwell

HEB: shaken

To settle down into, to be at home, to abide, to live life, to remain and to be productive, fruitful, rested.

Psalms 23:6

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will **dwell** in the house of the LORD forever.

The obvious answer is first - to those who are godly believers,
the believing remnant of Israel, the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

But this truth is universal & transcendent, not limited.

Anyone who has come to Christ as Messiah can be confident that their lives both now
and forever are secure in His

**THE WAY OF WISDOM
WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE
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5c.) The path of **life**

vs. 22

Verse 22

22 but the wicked will be **cut off** from the earth,
and the **unfaithful** will be **uprooted** from it.

In the Valley of Decision.

“You and you alone, are making decisions that will matter for all time and eternity. Every day of every hour of every minute –
We are defining our lives by the decisions we make.”

- J.M.

What will you decide today about this reality?

Cut-off HEB: ka'rath

To be killed by death, to be dead. to be killed by sin, death by sin. To be dead by sin. Sin being a fatal, (A self-inflicted wound)

Uprooted HEB: na'sach

To be pulled away (from life) to be seized upon by (death) to be suddenly torn away (from the living)

Matthew 25:41,46a

:41 “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels, **:46a** And these
will go away into everlasting punishment...”

You Are Right Now – In The Valley of Decision

John 6:35,37

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst, **37** All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

Ephesians 2:1-5

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, **2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, **3** among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ
(by grace you have been saved),

You Are Right Now – In The Valley of Decision

Matthew 10:32-33

“Therefore, whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. **33** But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

End of Study

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