

Dealing With Wisdom

Proverbs 4

God's Wisdom Is The Goal

A. Be Disciplined (4:1-4)

1. Be attentive (v 1)

2. Be attracted (v 2)

3. Be accepting (vv 3-4)

B. Be Determined (4:5-9)

1. The extent

2. The expectations

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C. Be Directed (4:10-19)

1. Apply wisdom (4:10-13)

- a. To your thinking**
- b. To your walk**
- c. To your desire**

2. Avoid wickedness (4:14-17)

- a. Don't go there (vv 14-15)**
- b. Think of the consequences (v 16)**
- c. There is nothing good there (v 17)**

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C. Be Directed (4:10-19) continued

3. Advance light (4:18-19)

- a. Our Christ-led path starts out this way**
- b. This path should get brighter each day**
- c. The opposite path leads to the opposite effect**

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D. Be Diligent (4:20-27)

- 1. To the Word (4:20-22)**
- 2. With your heart (4:23)**
- 3. With your words (4:24)**
- 4. With your eyes (4:25)**
- 5. Where you go (4:26-27)**

Job 28:12

**But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the
place of understanding?**

The Choices Of Wisdom

Proverbs 5

Wisdom only works when chosen.

Psalm 112:1-5

1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

I. Beware of Seduction (5:1-14)

A. Virtue is essential (5:1-2)

Proverbs 5:1-2

1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:

2 That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

2 Peter 1:5-6

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

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B. Vigilance is necessary (5:3-14)

Ephesians 5:15

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

1. To see temptation and consequences (vv 3-6)

Proverbs 5:3-6

3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.

I. Beware of Seduction (5:1-14)

B. Vigilance is necessary (5:3-14) - continued

2. To avoid temptation (vv 7-14)

a. Stay away (vv 7-8)

Proverbs 5:7-8

7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

I. Beware of Seduction (5:1-14)

B. Vigilance is necessary (5:3-14)

2. To avoid temptation (vv 7-14) - continued

b. Stay aware of the consequences of being seduced (vv 9-14)

1) Lost honor (v 9)

Proverbs 5:9

Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

2) Lost wealth (v 10)

Proverbs 5:10

Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;

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B. Vigilance is necessary (5:3-14)

2. To avoid temptation (vv 7-14) - continued

b. Stay aware of the consequences of being seduced (vv 9-14)

3) Lost joy (v 11)

Proverbs 5:11

And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

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B. Vigilance is necessary (5:3-14)

2. To avoid temptation (vv 7-14) - continued

b. Stay aware of the consequences of being seduced (vv 9-14)

4). Lost testimony (vv 12-14)

Proverbs 5:12-14

12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-4

1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

Hebrews 13:4

**Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled:
but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.**

II. Be Sanctified (5:15-23)

A. By faithfulness (5:15-19)

1. Stay home – Proverbs 5:15

Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

2. Stay honourable – Proverbs 5:16-17

16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

3. Stay happy – Proverbs 5:18-19

18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

II. Be Sanctified (5:15-23)

B. By flawlessness (5:20-23)

Proverbs 5:20-23

20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

- 1. Think of your choices**
- 2. Think of Who is watching**
- 3. Think of the consequences**

1 Corinthians 1:30

**But of him are ye in Christ Jesus,
who of God is made unto us
wisdom, and righteousness, and
sanctification, and redemption:**