

Series: Wisdom in an Age of Folly: Proverbs V

Text: Proverbs 4:1-27

HI: God's Word brings life.

Title: *A Good Get*

Hook: Garage Sale

Date: 7.31.22

Purpose: To plead with the listener to trust God's word and live.

FCF: Like the son hearing from this father, we are tempted to forget God's word and to follow the path of sin. God's grace is revealed in that He gives us His word (ultimately in Christ) and calls us to respond to Him and receive life.

COR: There are so many things in our world that we can pursue to try to find life. In all our 'getting' we have all experienced getting what we want and regretting it, because it didn't bring life. Wisdom from God meets us there, calling us to trust Him and offering us the gift of life.

Christ Trajectory [CT*]: As God's Word, Jesus creates a new heart in us, he lights the path to life, and he brings the crown of life/righteousness to God's people. Through Jesus, we get our identity as sons and daughters of God and living out that identity we walk in wisdom. [John 1:1-5]

Apologetic: In MVM 2

Form: Deductive

Outline:

I. Hear a father's plea to a son: *Get wisdom.* (1-9)

A. God's Word stands the test of time. (2-4)

B. God's Word delivers on the promise. (5-9)

II. See a son's path from a father: *Choose life.* (10-19)

A. The path you follow shapes the quality of your life.

III. Know that life flows from here: *Guard your heart.* (20-27)

A. The trajectory of your life flows from the condition of your heart.

Main Idea:

Subject: Why should the son listen to his father's instructions?

Complement: Because getting wisdom will guard his life.

Exegetical Idea: The son should listen to his father's instructions because getting wisdom will guard his life.

Theological Idea: Receiving God's word guides and guards the lives of his people.

Homiletical Idea: God's Word brings life.

Introduction:

Proverbs 4:1 Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight,

² for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching.

³ When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,

⁴ he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.

⁵ Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you.

⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.

⁸ Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.

⁹ She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."

¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.

¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble.

¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.

¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil.

¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.

¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.

¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.

²⁰ My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.

²¹ Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.

²² For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.

²³ Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

- ²⁴ Put away from you crooked speech and put devious talk far from you.
²⁵ Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.
²⁶ Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.
²⁷ Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

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Jesus said: "The words I have spoken to you, they are full of the Spirit and life."
 (John 6:63)

RE-READ Proverbs 4:10-19

II. See a son's path from a father: *Choose life.* (10-19)

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2 Peter 1:19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts...

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

RE-READ Proverbs 4:20-27

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John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.