

Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on July 30th, 2023

Proverbs 4:1-9 (NASB)

Listen, my sons, to the instruction of a father, And pay attention so that you may gain understanding,

- 2 For I give you good teaching;
 - Do not abandon my instruction.
- 3 When I was a son to my father,
 - Tender and the only son in the sight of my mother,
- 4 He taught me and said to me,
 - "Let your heart take hold of my words;
 - Keep my commandments and live;
- 5 Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding!
 - Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.
- 6 Do not abandon her, and she will guard you;
 - Love her, and she will watch over you.
- 7 The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom;
 - And with all your possessions, acquire understanding.
- 8 Prize her, and she will exalt you;
 - She will honor you if you embrace her.
- 9 She will place on your head a garland of grace;
 - She will present you with a crown of beauty."

Proverbs 18:22 (NASB)

He who finds a wife finds a good thing And obtains favor from the Lord.

Proverbs 14:1 (NASB)

The wise woman builds her house,

But the foolish tears it down with her own hands.

Proverbs 31:26 (NASB)

She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Proverbs 2:6 (NASB)

For the Lord gives wisdom;

From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

DIGGING DEEPER What are some positive things you learned from your father or mother? What should fathers and mothers be teaching their children? **Read Proverbs 4:1-2** The father emphasizes listening and receiving his instruction. How can we actively cultivate a teachable spirit within ourselves and our group? Even if it isn't good instruction, is all instruction useful for helping us gain understanding? How so? Read Proverbs 4:3-4 How many generations of knowledge is the writer giving us?

What kind of family heritage did your grandparents give you?

What kind of family heritage are you hoping to give to your grandkids - or the next generations?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Proverbs 4:5-6 As a group, what are some practical ways we can actively pursue and acquire wisdom in our daily lives?
Read Proverbs 4:7-9 How can we prioritize wisdom in our lives and avoid being distracted by temporary pleasures?
How can we encourage and celebrate each other's growth in wisdom and understanding?
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