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# The Path of the Righteous

## Proverbs 4:10-19



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We have a choice of how we will walk in and through this life. We can take the path of the wicked, or we can take the path of the righteous. We have to be very careful to guard our steps. It is very easy to take a wrong path in this world. There are so many things pulling at us to lead us astray. So many temptations. Some of those wrong paths may even look okay. But they will eventually lead us into darkness and into trouble. We will stumble. We need the wisdom of the Lord to direct and lead us in the way in which we should go in ALL our ways through ALL our days. The goal is to finish strong!

**4:10** King David's advice to his son Solomon. Take my advice so you may live a long life. David is speaking from experience.

**11** The wisdom from above. This wisdom is available to all who seek it. The upright paths. Honorable, honest, godly paths. **Proverbs 1:20,32,33**. We should do this for our children.

**12** On this path, with the wisdom of the Lord, your steps will not be impeded. Your steps will be sure even in difficulties because you are on the right path. When you run, you will not stumble if you are on the upright path. This path is well lit with the Light of the Lord and the Holy Spirit. **1 John 1:6-7, John 8:12, Micah 6:8**.

**13** Grab a hold of this instruction and wisdom. Do not ever let it go. Guard the wisdom of the Lord. Stay focused on the Word and prayer. Verse 7. Acquire wisdom and get understanding. This brings discernment that keeps you from going down the wrong path and falling in the darkness. **Psalms 119:105**.

**14-15** Do not enter the path of the wicked. Avoid it, turn away from it. Do not give up on God because that is the way you will eventually go. Into darkness. It is a progression that is human nature.

**16-17** Why? When you go down the path of wickedness, this is how you begin to think and act. The mind becomes intent on evil to the point you lose sleep unless you are plotting evil towards others. That is darkness! How did this happen? Their diet is the bread of wickedness and the wine of violence. If you think that cannot happen to you, you better think again. Who is receiving this good advice? Solomon went down the path of wickedness.

**1 Kings 11:6-11**. Watch your step! Guard wisdom for she is your life. Look to Jesus! **1 Peter 2:21, John 1:4**.

**18** But God takes us a progression in the Light of the Lord. The path of the righteous starts in the Light. As we walk or run down this path with wisdom and life, the Light shines brighter around us and in us. This is sanctification by the Holy Spirit in us. We become like Jesus whose life is the Light of men. **John 14:26**.

**19** They become so dark they can't even see what they are stumbling over. They do not even realize they are stumbling. They call good evil and evil good. **1 Peter 1:6-8**.



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### THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Do you accept the wisdom of the Lord?
- Are you on or seeking the upright path?
- Have you taken hold of God's wisdom?
- Are you tempted to go down the wrong path?
- Is the path you are on shining brighter and brighter?