

The Book of PROVERBS <u>Chapter 4</u> "The Life of Wisdom!"

Key #1 - The Father's Counsel (v1-13)

(v1-4) Receive Good <u>Doctrine</u> - Deuteronomy 32:2-4 - Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass. For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, A God of <u>truth</u> and without injustice; <u>Righteous</u> and upright is He. 1 Timothy 4:6 - If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of <u>faith</u> and of the good <u>doctrine</u> which you have carefully followed. Titus 1:9 - <u>holding</u> fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound <u>doctrine</u>, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

> Let's read Titus 2:1-10 for *lifestyle* doctrine:

(v5-9) <u>Get Sound Wisdom - How</u>? From the words of His mouth—His Word! - God's wisdom will: (1) <u>Preserve</u> you! (2) <u>Promote</u> you! (3) <u>Honor</u> you! (4) <u>Grace</u> you! (5) <u>Glorify</u> you! (6) <u>Deliver</u> you!

(v10-13) Practical Understanding- Receive His words and receive *long life*! If we walk the talk our steps will not be hindered, in running we will not stumble.

> Our Walk - 1 John 1:5-7- This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the <u>truth</u>. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have <u>fellowship</u> with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

> Our Run - Heb 12:1-2- Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Key #2 - Two Paths in Life (v14-19)

- > Pathway of the Righteous vs. Pathway of the Wicked:
 - Religious Right & Wrong- Luke 18:9-14
 - Relational Right & Wrong- Luke 10:25-37

Key #3 - The Anatomy of Blessings (v20-27)

> <u>Ear</u> - Take time to listen to God - Matthew 7:24-27- Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and <u>does</u> them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. Now everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not <u>do</u> them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

- > Eyes Look at the world through the eyes of Jesus Matthew 9:36-38 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with <u>compassion</u> for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore <u>pray</u> the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."
- > <u>Flesh</u> To have healthy flesh we must feed upon the word of God Matthew 4:4-5 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of <u>God</u>.' " 1 Peter 2:2-3 as newborn babes, <u>desire</u> the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
- > <u>Heart</u> Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with <u>all</u> your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment.
- > <u>Mouth/lips</u> Ephesians 4:15 but, speaking the <u>truth</u> in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.
- > <u>Feet</u> Romans 10:15- And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of <u>peace</u>, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"