



# Proverbs – Wisdom for Today

## Proverbs 4

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### Introduction

Proverbs 1 through 7 are all targeted toward training and raising a child, a disciple, and a God fearing and serving leader. These KEY chapters do not only apply to raising children, but they are also a strong format to follow when training and raising anyone both spiritually and physically. These chapters include promises of both spiritual and physical growth if the truths listed in them are followed. All the teaching Proverbs 4 has to offer centers around a single word that makes it stand out from the entire book of Proverbs, and even the Old Testament. This key word is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Definitions:

- **Doctrine** (v. 4:2) = *Whatever is laid down as true by the instructor; act of learning/teaching.*
- **Father** (v. 4:1) = *A physical father of children; spiritual father; leader of a group/clan; a title of honor. (1 Tim 1:1-2, 5:1)*

- Outline:

- Proverbs 4:1-3
  - The father's role is to **give good doctrine**. Good doctrine is the context of this entire chapter and continues through chapter 7. – Deu. 32:2, Pro. 4:2, Is. 28:9, 1 Tim. 4:6, Jn. 7:17, Mk. 1:27
  - Good doctrine is **HIS doctrine**. -Mt. 22:32, Lk. 4:32, Jn. 18:19, 1 Tim. 6:1.
- Proverbs 4:4-10
  - Belief in good doctrine is not an issue of knowledge, but rather an issue of the heart. - 2 Tim. 4:3-4, Ps. 78:18, Pro. 6:25, Acts 2:37, 5:33, 7:54, Rom. 10:9-10
  - The father's role is to **teach/instruct**. – Pro. 1:1,4
  - The father's role is to **prolong the life of their children**.
- Proverbs 4:11-13
  - The father's role is to **teach them how to become wise**. – Pro. 1:5, Gen, 4:4, 22: 8-10, Dan. 1
  - The father's role is to **lead by example**.
- Proverbs 4:14-19
  - The father's role is to **teach them to avoid the way of the wicked** \_\_\_\_\_.

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- The father's role is to **teach them to hide God's word in their heart.** -Ps. 119:9-11
- The father's role is to **teach them to meditate on God's word.** – Jos. 1:8; Ps. 1:2; Ps. 119:15; 1 Tim. 4:15

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- The father's role is to teach/instruct/lead by example in all of the things mentioned in Proverbs chapter 4.
- What is the result of doing this?
  - You help protect what they feel (heart), what they say (mouth), what they see (eyes), and what they do (feet).
  - In terms of sin, we teach them to deal with the lust of the flesh (feet), the lust of the eyes (eyes) and the pride of life (heart).