



## A FATHER'S ADVICE TO HIS SON

Proverbs 4:1-27 ▪ Dr. Ron Jones

*Hear, O sons, a father's instruction . . . When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, he taught me and said to me . . .*

PROVERBS 4:1-4, 1 KINGS 2:1-3, 1 CHRONICLES 28-29

“When it comes to rearing children, every society is only twenty years away from barbarism.” DR. ALBERT SIEGEL, *STANFORD OBSERVER*

*You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.* DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **wisdom.**

*The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. Prize her highly, and she will exalt you.* PROVERBS 4:4-9

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **your** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.* PROVERBS 4:10-17

*But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.* PROVERBS 4:18-19

3. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_!

*My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. PROVERBS 4:20-27*

“Heart” refers not to the physical organ but to one’s inner being, the seat of consciousness, the core place where emotions, will, and decision-making reside.

*Protect your heart by guarding . . .*

- What you \_\_\_\_\_ v. 20
- What you \_\_\_\_\_ v. 21, 25
- What you \_\_\_\_\_ v. 24
- Where you \_\_\_\_\_ v. 26-27