

Study Guide for August 5th, 2012. Led in the way of WISDOM. Proverbs 4:10-19.

Introduction: Describe the difference between someone who walks in the way of wisdom as opposed to someone who chooses to walk in the way of wickedness.

I. Walk in the Way of Wisdom: (Prov. 4:10-13)

- A. What is the son admonished to do? What is promised if he does this? (vs. 10)
- B. Where does the father promise to guide the son? (vs. 11) What does *path* imply?
- C. If the son accepts this ongoing direction, what can he expect? (vs. 12)
- D. What does the father urge the son to do? (vs. 13) Why the repetition of the appeal?
- E. Who has God used to make a similar appeal in your life? Did you receive it?

II. Avoid the Way of the Wicked: (Prov. 4:14-17)

- A. How does the father caution the son about path of the wicked? (vs. 14-15)
- B. There are six specific warnings. What is the unifying message of each?
- C. "Who you associate with will determine the route you will take." Agree or disagree?
- D. How does the father describe the thoughts and actions of the wicked? (vs. 16-17)
- E. Compare the experience of the wicked (vs. 16-17) with the righteous (3:23-26)?

III. Choose the Way of the Righteous: (Prov. 4:18-19)

- A. What images does the father use to depict the path of the righteous?
- B. How is the sense of progress or development expressed? What is this path like?
- C. What images does the father use to depict the path of the wicked?
- D. How is the sense of progress or disintegration expressed? What is this path like?
- E. When have you been aware that you were standing at crossroads with a major decision to make? What were the choices? What were the consequences?

Reflect on the promise, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

What situation are you facing NOW where you need to discern and walk in WISDOM?