



Today's Message

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Title: *A Legacy of True Wisdom*

Text: Proverbs 4:1–9 (ESV)

¹ Hear, O sons, a father's instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain insight,
² for I give you good precepts;
do not forsake my teaching.
³ When I was a son with my father,
tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,
⁴ he taught me and said to me,
"Let your heart hold fast my words;
keep my commandments, and live.
⁵ Get wisdom; get insight;
do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my
mouth.
⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;
love her, and she will guard you.
⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever you get, get insight.
⁸ Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;
she will honor you if you embrace her.
⁹ She will place on your head a graceful garland;
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."

Introduction: Solomon continues a series of lectures to challenge his son to choose the path of wisdom. In this passage he quoted to the instructions he had received from his own father. Significantly, Solomon and David passed on a legacy of true wisdom using the same terms, structures, and themes.

Today's take-home truth: Godly fathers instruct their children, passing on a legacy of true wisdom.

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- A. Solomon called his son to listen
- B. Solomon offered motivation for his son to listen.

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- A. Introduction: Solomon passed on his father's instruction. 3-4
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