

# Proverbs Series

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**Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”**

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## **Guide for Skillful Living**

DEATH

LIFE

**“Life or Death:  
Your Choice”**

## **10 Lessons on Wisdom Prov 1:8–9:18**

- 1. Challenge to listen to the father's guidance and reject the influence of your peers, 1:8–19**

**Comment: Wisdom rebukes the simple, the naïve, the open minded, 1:20–33**

- 2. Seek wisdom to find the knowledge of God which alone will protect and shield you from self-destruction, 2:1–22**

**Prov. 2:1,**

**“My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you,**

**Prov. 2:2,**

**“So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding;**

**Prov. 2:3,**

**“Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding,**

**Prov. 2:4,**

**“If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures;**

**Prov. 2:5,**

**“Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.”**

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Prov. 2:6,

“For the LORD gives wisdom [*chokmah*]; From His mouth come knowledge [*da'at*] and understanding [*tabinah*];

Prov. 2:7,

“He stores up sound wisdom [*tushiya*] for the upright; He is a **shield** to those who walk uprightly;

Prov. 2:8,

“He **guards** the paths of justice, And **preserves** the way of His saints.”

**Two areas of deliverance: Easy money, Easy love**

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**Psa. 7:1, “O LORD my God, in You I put my trust;  
Save me from all those who persecute me; And  
deliver me,”**

**Psa. 25:20, “Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.”**

**Psa. 34:4, “I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.”**

**Psa. 34:17, “The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.”**

**Psa. 79:9, “Help us, O God of our salvation, For the glory of Your name; And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, For Your name’s sake!”**

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יֹשֶׁר *yosher*

comm masc sing abs

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uprightness,  
straightness, equity,  
justice, integrity

**“Integrity, equity, fairness” *yashav***

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Justice, judgment, and equity;”**

**Prov. 2:9, “Then you will understand righteousness  
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joyful, rejoicing

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the twisting of something  
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## **Devious or Crooked Paths Lead to Destruction.**

**Prov. 4:12, “When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble.”**

**Prov. 22:5, “Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; He who guards his soul will be far from them.”**

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הָלַח (ḥālaq) II,

*be smooth, slippery thus figuratively, flatter, smooth and deceptive speech.*



**Psa. 5:9, “For there is no faithfulness in their mouth;  
Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an  
open tomb; They flatter with their tongue.”**

**Psa. 36:2, “For he flatters himself in his own eyes,  
When he finds out his iniquity and when he hates.”**

**Psa. 55:21, “The words of his mouth were smoother  
than butter, But war was in his heart; His words were  
softer than oil, Yet they were drawn swords.”**

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**Prov. 2:21, “For the upright will dwell in the land, And the blameless will remain in it;**

**Prov. 2:22, “But the wicked will be cut off from the earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.”**