

Proverbs Series

Lesson #015

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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.

Proverbs

Guide for Skillful Living

DEATH

LIFE

**“Straight Talk About
Talking Straight”
Proverbs 4:20–27**

10 Lessons on Wisdom: Proverbs 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. Protect yourself from the wicked, 2:1–22**

- 3. The promise of the Lord and the son's responsibility, 3:1–12**

- 4. The value of wisdom, 3:13–15**

- 5. The importance of following the path of wisdom, knowledge and understanding, 4:1–9**

10 Lessons on Wisdom: Proverbs 1:8–9:18

- 6. Instruction on how to run well, and seize life, and stay off the human viewpoint road, 4:10–19**
- 7. Warning against swerving from the right road, 4:20–27**
- 8. The emptiness of free sex; the wisdom of marriage, 5:1–23**

Insight: Three patterns you don't want to imitate, 6:1–19

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hif imper masc sing

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hif imper masc sing

“to stretch out”

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לִּזְרוֹ *luz*

**hif imperf 3 masc
plur jussive (3rd p
imper)**

to turn aside

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**Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of
your understanding being
enlightened; that you may
know what is the hope of
His calling, what are the
riches of the glory of His
inheritance in the saints,”**

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to turn aside

שָׁמַר *shamar*

**qal imper masc
sing**

**“to keep, watch,
preserve”**

**Prov. 4:22, “For they are life to those who find them,
And health to all their flesh.”**

1 Tim. 4:8, “For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.”

**Prov. 4:23, “Keep your heart with all diligence,
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נצר (*nātzar*) I, *watch,*
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guard, keep

מִשְׁמָר (*mishmār*)
guard, guardpost

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סור *sur*

**hif imper masc sing
to turn aside, keep
far from you
(4:27)**

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**hif imper masc sing
to turn aside, keep
far from you**

רחק *rachaq*

**hif imper masc sing
to be far, i.e.,
put away from you**

**Prov. 4:25, “Let your eyes look straight ahead,
And your eyelids look right before you.”**

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And your eyelids look right [be straight]
before you.”**

נבט *navat*

**hif imperf 3 masc plur
jussive**

**to look, to set your
eyes on something to
perceive**

1 John 2:16, “For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.”

2 Pet. 2:14, “having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.”

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פָּלַס פֿלס-1

**piel imper masc
sing to clear a way,
level, dig through;
metaph. for
investigative
thought**

Prov. 16:3, “Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.”

Prov. 16:9, “A man’s heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.”

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hif imperf 2 masc sing jussive

“to stretch out” (4:9, 4:20)

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“to stretch out” (4:9, 4:20)**

סָוַר sur

**hif imper masc
sing to turn aside
(4:24)**