

Pursue the Right Path in Life

Proverbs 04: 10–19

1. *Hear and you will live long*

2. *Walk in the straight, righteous path*

1) Because it is the path of wisdom

2) Because it will remove stumbling blocks and allow you to run the race of life

3) Because it is the key to life

3. *Do not walk — not even set foot — on the path of the wicked*

1) The admonition:
Avoid it — do not travel on it — turn away and pass on

2) The reasons

- The wicked are restless, craving some evil desire or plotting someone's fall
- Sin has become their diet — a great influence — a great part of their life
- The righteous path is clear and secure — like the awakening light of day that grows ever so brighter
- The path of the wicked is dark and insecure — very dangerous — covered with stumbling stones

10 Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.

11 I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.

12 When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

13 Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

14 Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers.

15 Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way.

16 For they cannot rest until they do evil; they are robbed of sleep till they make someone stumble.

17 They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

18 The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

19 But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.