

Bedford Street Church of Christ ^^^ LBC  
**Are You Being Wise or Are You Being Foolish?**

Summary Handout #4a ~ From the Previous Study

**(Chapter 4)** Date Distributed: 8/14/22

*These notes are NOT exhaustive but meant to provide a summary. Summary notes will not be provided for each chapter studied.*

**Chapter 4 has 3 speeches from Solomon to his son making up speeches #5, 6 & 7.**

Repeating words in this chapter (*some of these repeating words may have been seen in previous chapters*): instruction, understanding, learning, teaching heart, wisdom.

Protection language in this chapter: protect, watch over, guide, lead, guard

Pathway language: in the way, lead you...straight paths (v11), when you walk...steps not hampered, when you run...not stumble (v12), don't set foot on wicked person's path, don't walk in evil men's ways (v14), don't travel on it, turn from it, go on your way (v15), path of the righteous (v18), wick's path is like deep darkness (v19), watch your steps (v26), don't swerve, keep your feet from the bad pathway.

Heart language: guard v23, keep them within your heart v21.

Watch your mouth language: v24 don't lie/perversity, no corrupt talk.

**3 Speeches found in 4:1-9, 4:10-19 and 4:20 - 27**

**4:1-9**

**Exhortation:**

- Listen, pay attention, gain understanding, do not forsake my teaching.

**Lesson:**

- Get wisdom no matter what it takes, don't go off track, lift wisdom up and make it a priority to live by wisdom and she will not let you down.

**Conclusion:**

- Wisdom will bring beauty to your life.

**4:10-19**

**Exhortation:**

- Listen, accept what I say so you will live longer.

**Lesson:**

- If you listen to me (wisdom) I will guide, lead you along straight paths and make your walk in this life is sure/stable. If you guard wisdom-make sure you walk in wisdom, wisdom will guard you. When sin shows up on your pathway – AVOID IT, LEAVE the presence of evil people.

**Conclusion:**

- The path of the righteous like a day getting brighter as the sun moves towards noon. The path of the wicked is like its getting darker into the deep of night darkness-can't see, footing unsure, shouldn't be out in that kind of darkness.

**4:20-27****Exhortation:**

- Pay attention, listen closely, keep wisdom in your eyesight, she provides health to you.

**Lesson:**

- Wisdom has health benefits. Your heart-the seat of who you are – not just your mind but your personality, decision-making functions, character, etc.—influences everything else you do so guard it. Keep your mouth clean.

**Conclusion:**

- Stay focused.

*Lynne, you put some things in the LESSON section that I would have put in the EXHORTATION section or some things in the LESSON section that I would have put in the CONCLUSION section.*

*My response, "As long as you received the scriptural message that was intended in the passage itself, that is what is most important." What is the wisdom lesson to be learnt here? Go forth and apply it!*

Other important points may have resonated with you as you read the chapter or as you sat in the class and were a part of the discussion. Write them down in this section of the handout and on the other side of this notetaking sheet.

*Please memorize this verse. Your memory verse: Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else guard your heart for everything you do flows from it."*