

# 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**

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- 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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קשב *qashav*

**hif imper masc sing**

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נָטָה *natah*

**hif imper masc sing**

**“to stretch out”**

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Keep them in the midst of your heart;”

לִּזְלוּ *luz*

**hif imperf 3 masc  
plur jussive (3<sup>rd</sup> 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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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.”**

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נצר (*nātzar*) I, *watch,*  
*guard, keep*

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מִשְׁמָר (*mishmār*)  
*guard, guardpost*

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סור *sur*

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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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**“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)**