



Training Tried and True

PROVERBS 4:1-9 - MESSAGE

Focus on getting, holding and living out wisdom—our tried and true heritage

Proverbs 4 - Structure

1-9

Acquire wisdom

10-19

Hold on to wisdom

20-27

Concentrate on living by wisdom

Acquire Wisdom - Prov 4:1-9

- I. Focus on wisdom with its glorious benefits (1-2)
- II. This wisdom is tried and true (3-9)
 - A. Your grandfather passed it down to me (3-4a)
 - B. His **appeal**: Acquire wisdom to really live (4b-6)
 - C. His **explanation**: Start by giving everything to buy it (7)
 - D. His **motivation**: Your wisdom will radiate with God's favor (8-9)

Proverbs 4:1-2

Sons

- sons, grandsons, children, or members of a group
- Prov 8 – “sons of men” and Wisdom’s disciples (8:32)

Sound learning

- Lit., good, beneficial teaching

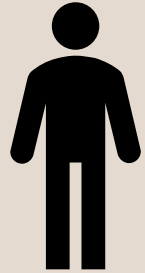
Pay attention

- Concentrate on and consider





Grandfather



Father



Children

Wisdom's godly heritage

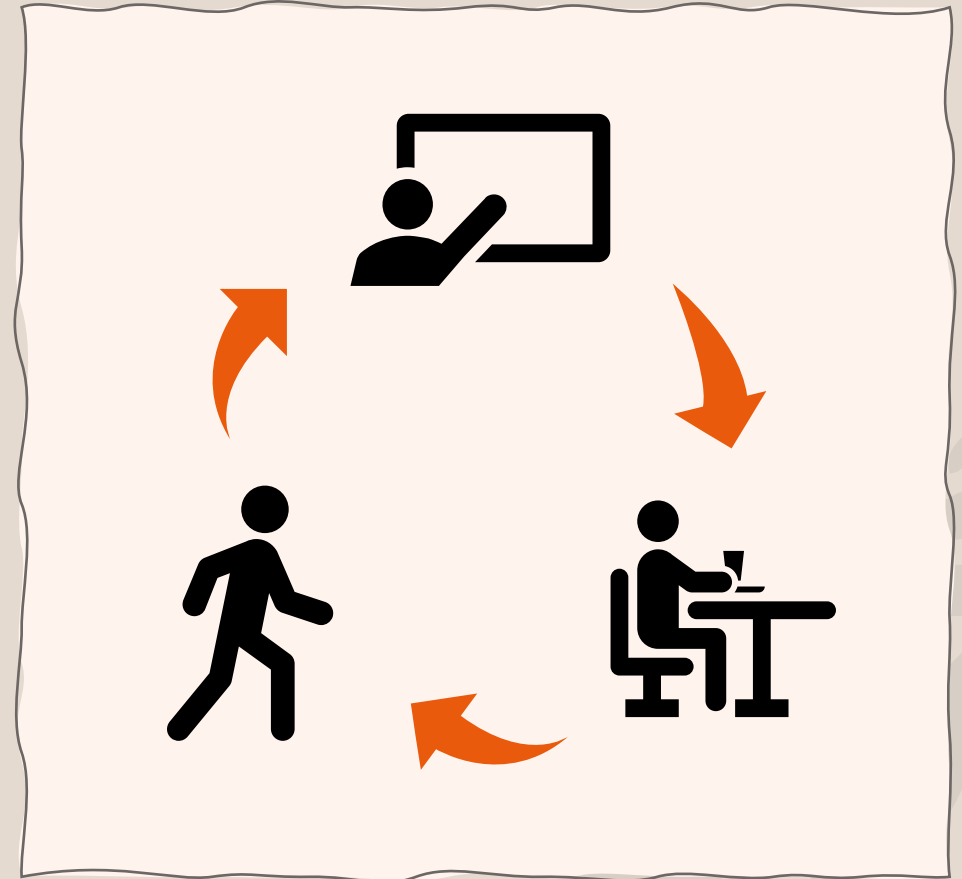
God's wisdom is
passed down from
generation to
generation

Proverbs 4:1-9

Continuous Cycle of Transmitting Wisdom

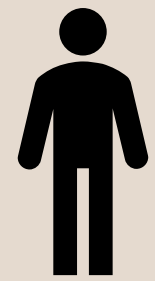
Education Cycle of Proverbs 4:1-9

- ❖ Father teaches son wisdom
- ❖ Son hears, evaluates, receives
- ❖ Son applies
- ❖ Son becomes a teacher of wisdom



Discipleship Scenarios

Pattern



Discipleship 1
New cycle started

Prov 4:1-9; Isa 8:16;
Mt 28:18-20; Acts
14:21-22; 2 Tim 2:2

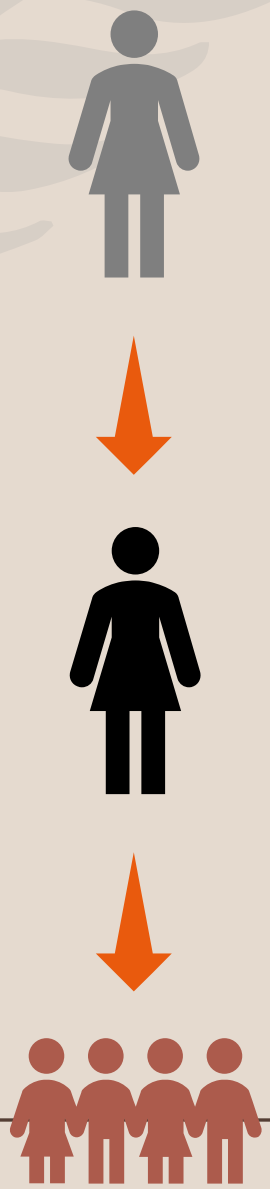
Discipleship 2

New cycle started

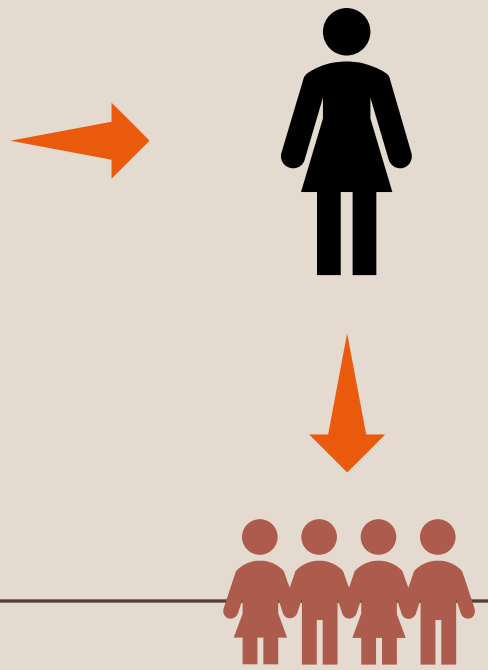


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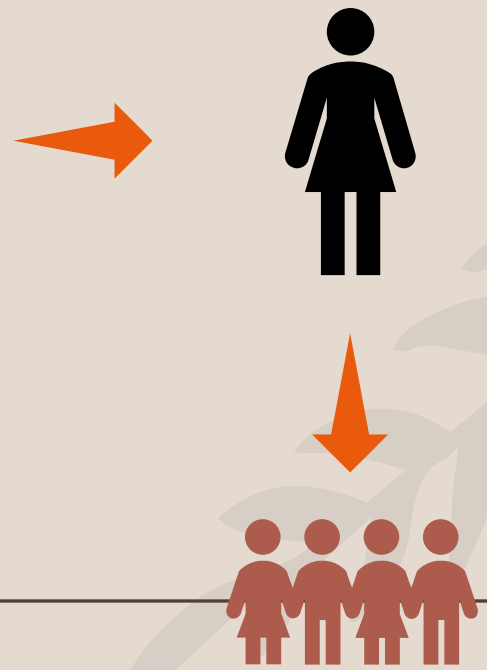


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Prov 4:1-9; Isa 8:16; Mt 28:18-20; Acts 14:21-22; 2 Tim 2:2; Titus 2:4

Discipleship 2
New cycle started



Proverbs 4:5-9 – Structure

Responsibility

Acquire wisdom (5-6)

- Don't forsake her
- Love her

Acquire wisdom (7-8)

- Prize her
- Embrace her

Reward

- She will keep you
- She will guard you

- She will exalt you
- She will honor you

God's favor pictured (9)