



# Path of Ever Increasing Light

# PROVERBS 4:10-19 - MESSAGE

Carefully consider the two paths'  
ability to reveal reality

They're as different as night and day

“The path of stumbling ignorance” vs “The path of ever increasing light”

# Proverbs 4 - Structure

1-9

Acquire wisdom

10-19

Hold on to wisdom

20-27

Concentrate on living by wisdom

# Prov 4:10-13 Chiastic Structure

**A**ppeal 1 (10)

**R**eason 1 (11)

**R**eason 2 (12)

**A**ppeal 2 (13)

# Hold On To Wisdom - Prov 4:10-19

- I. Keep hold of the path of wisdom (10-13)
- II. Steer clear of the path of evil (14-17)
- III. Consider the stark contrast between the two paths (18-19)

# Proverbs 4:11 – Instruct and Lead

## ○ **Instruct:**

- Root verb behind noun for “torah” (pointing the way)
- To impart God’s truth to the disciple

## ○ **Lead:**

- Verb form of noun for “the way”
- To cause to go
- To march
- Thus, to compel their compliance (Waltke)

# Walking “in” a path

- Bruce Waltke points out that the Bible emphasizes walking “in” a path rather walking “on” a path
- *“He guides me in the paths of righteousness”* (Ps 23:3)
- The path represents a way of life that **flows from inner character** and is defined by moral and spiritual principles
- Thus, walking IN a path is **walking in a certain way**



Smooth path fully illumined (Prov 4:10-13, 18)



# Stumbling over the broad, evil path (Prov 4:14-17, 19)



**Keep hold of wisdom – Prov 4:13**