

## **"EMBRACING WISDOM"**

1. What one thing can you recall being true of granddad, which was true of your father, which is now also true of you?  

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2. When lost in a strange city or when hiking off the trail, what do you do: Consult the map? Stop, look, and listen? Keep going, one foot in front of the other in a straight line? Ask directions?  

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3. It is commonly agreed that Solomon was the author/compiler of most of Proverbs. This particular passage draws from his family background (see 1 Ki 1:28-30; 2:1-4): Who was his dad? His mom? What do you suppose their father-son talks were like: Monologue? Dialogue? Q & A? What was David's charge to Solomon? How is that reflected here (vv.4-9)?  

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4. In passing along wisdom from one generation to another (vv.1,3) what's involved: Setting a good example? Being good with words? Minding your P's and Q's? Long lists of Do's and Don'ts?  

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5. In this proverb are there more Do's or Don'ts? Why might that be? How is Solomon able to sell his "sons" on the value of wisdom?  

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6. What does the travel motif imply about Biblical wisdom? Is the way to wisdom well-traveled, or is it less-traveled? Can you stay at home or in your "ivory tower" and learn it? Why or why not?  

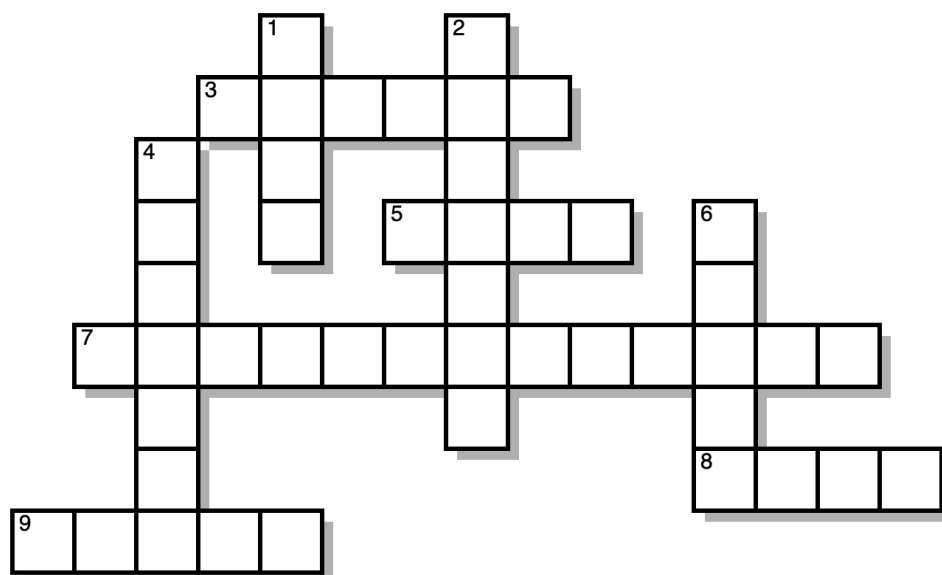
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7. Using the travel motif as it applies to your pursuit of Biblical wisdom these days, what are you: (a) Lonely trailblazer? (b) Crazy "off-the-road" driver? (c) Sleepless over-the-road 18-wheeler? (d) Teenage hot rodder? (e) Demolition derby buff? (f) Chugging along in your VW Bug? (g) Touring USA in your Chevrolet? (h) Strictly thumbing and bumming? Why?  

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8. In what areas do you need the counsel of verses 25-27? What are you willing to do to help straighten out (or "make level") someone else's path?  

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9. Of all the father-son or mother-daughter talks you've had, which one stands out as the most helpful? Have you passed that wisdom along to another?  

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**Down**

1 We are to avoid those who drink the \_\_\_\_\_ of violence.

2 This man wrote/compiled most of the book of Proverbs.

4 "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the \_\_\_\_\_ of life." (Proverbs 4:23)

6 We are to avoid those who eat the \_\_\_\_\_ of wickedness.

**Across**

3 What are we to strive to get and never forsake?

5 "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but....be \_\_\_\_\_ in all your conduct" (1 Peter 1:14-15)

7 "he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the \_\_\_\_\_ of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

8 "the path of the righteous is like the light of \_\_\_\_\_".

9 Whom does Paul call the "wisdom of God"?

**WORD SEARCH:**

Instruction	Wickedness
Insight	Violence
Precepts	Light
Teaching	Ear
Father	Sight
Mother	Speech
Heart	Devious
Words	Crooked
Guard	Jesus
Prize	Sanctification
Exalt	Redemption
Honor	Vigilance
Embrace	Trees
Garland	Beasts
Crown	Birds
Hear	Reptiles
Walk	Fish
Path	

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