

Proverbs 19:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

Analysis

Hearing counsel and receiving instruction positions one for future wisdom. Youth should heed advice to gain understanding for later years. The eschatological perspective ('latter end') shows wisdom's long-term benefits—choices today shape who we become tomorrow.

Historical Context

Ancient education prepared youth for adult responsibilities through submission to teachers' instruction. The long-term perspective was essential in societies where aging meant increased wisdom and authority.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do you receive counsel that prepares you for future challenges?
2. What advice have you neglected that would benefit your 'latter end'?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 12:15 (Parallel theme): The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Proverbs 1:8 (Parallel theme): My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Proverbs 4:1 (Parallel theme): Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

Psalms 37:37 (Parallel theme): Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

Numbers 23:10 (Parallel theme): Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

Psalms 90:14 (Parallel theme): O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Psalms 90:12 (Parallel theme): So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Deuteronomy 8:16 (Parallel theme): Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

Deuteronomy 32:29 (Parallel theme): O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

