

Proverbs 4:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

Analysis

Receiving instruction leads to prolonged life, a common Proverbs theme connecting obedience with divine blessing. While not guaranteeing longevity in every case, this reflects the general principle that wisdom conduces to wellbeing. The years multiplied are quality as much as quantity—life lived in God's favor.

Historical Context

The Mosaic covenant promised length of days in the land for obedience (Deuteronomy 5:16). Solomon applies this covenant blessing principle to individual wisdom, showing the connection between godly living and flourishing.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does wisdom contribute to the quality and purpose of your years?
2. In what ways do you seek long life for God's glory rather than mere self-preservation?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 3:2 (Parallel theme): For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (Parallel theme): For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Deuteronomy 6:2 (Parallel theme): That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

Proverbs 3:16 (Parallel theme): Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

Jeremiah 9:20 (Parallel theme): Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.

Proverbs 8:10 (Parallel theme): Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

1 Timothy 1:15 (Parallel theme): This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

