



iii. *Sound learning*, no matter how unpalatable it seems, alone is good for the soul. *James 1:25 - 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*

C. The source of this instruction (4:3–9)

i. Solomon is only passing on the instruction given to him by his father David and his mother Bathsheba (David taught his son Solomon but he seems to have neglected his son Adonijah, 1 Kings. 1:6).

a. *His father had never at any time disciplined him by asking, "Why have you done this and that?"*

b. We see throughout scripture that Adonijah was an arrogant, undisciplined, spoiled brat. (1 Kings. 1:6)

c. Adonijah probably knew that Solomon was David's choice as successor. If this was the case I can see how Adonijah rebelled the way he did. He was use to getting whatever he wanted.

ii. David taught Solomon to get wisdom (4:5, 7)

a. He taught Solomon that wisdom is the principal thing (*the most valuable of the world's treasures*) and that *he should get wisdom at any cost.*

b. We get wisdom by choosing (loving) wisdom (instead of foolishness), by asking for wisdom, 1 Kings. 3:5–13, and by seeking wisdom, Ecclesiastes. 1:13.

c. When we get wisdom, we think as God thinks, we speak as God speaks, and we do as God does.

d. David taught Solomon not to forget wisdom, decline from wisdom, or forsake wisdom (4:5, 6).

e. If we do not constantly pursue wisdom, we will lose wisdom as Solomon did in his old age.

iii. David taught Solomon the value of wisdom (4:6, 8, 9)

a. Wisdom keeps and preserves us (4:6)—*Wisdom protects us from physical and spiritual injury and from destruction.*

b. Wisdom promotes us (4:8)—Wisdom produces conduct which causes us to be promoted by both God and man. Think of Joseph and David.

*1 Samuel 2:30 Therefore the Lord, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that your house and the house of your father should go in and out before me forever,' but now the Lord declares: 'Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.*

c. Wisdom glorifies us (4:9)—Wisdom beautifies and glorifies us in the sight of both God and man.

**III. Closing:** Do you plan to teach your children wisdom, as David did to Solomon? If so, now is the time to get wisdom, and begin to teach it to people around us.