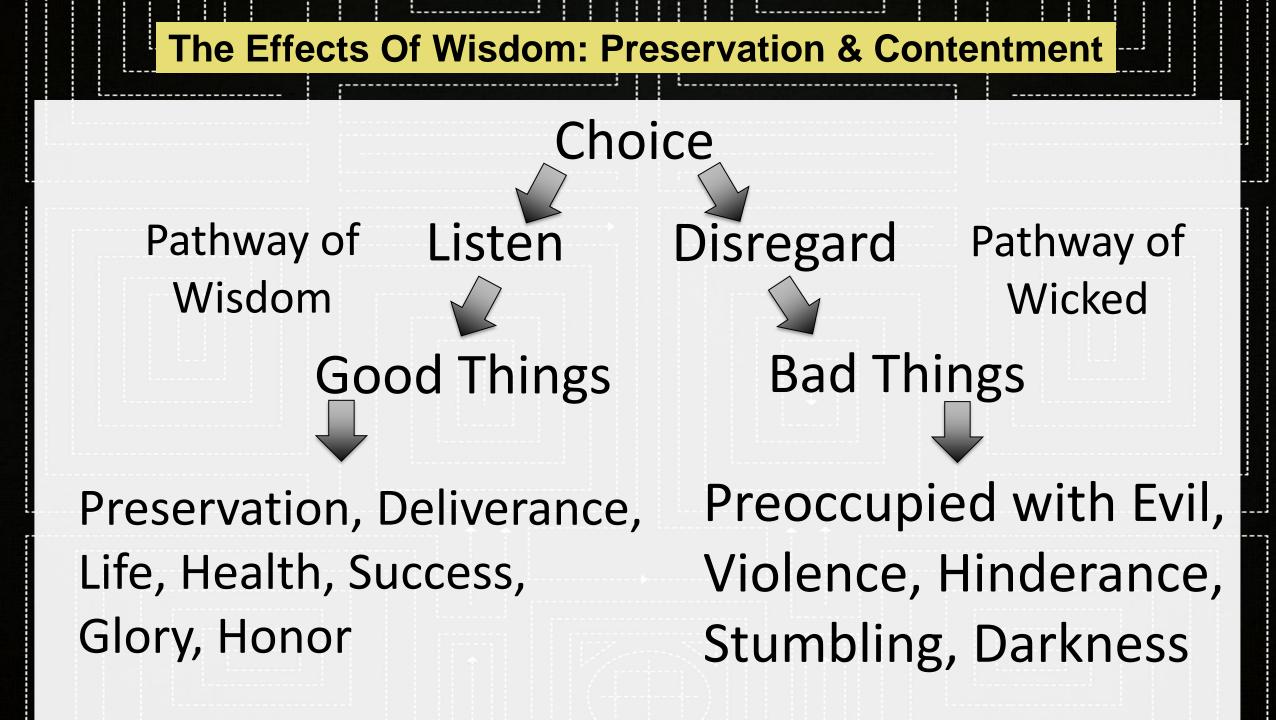


# Lesson 4 Summary?

- Listen to sound advice
- Pathway of wisdom
- Pathway of wicked
- Practical advice



# **Over-view of Chapter 4**

Verses 1-9: Admonition to heed advice, wise counsel Verses 10-13: Pathway of Wisdom Verses 14-17: Pathway of Wicked Verses 18-19: Summary of Choice: Wisdom or Evil Verses 20-27: Admonition to heed advice again, more wise counsel

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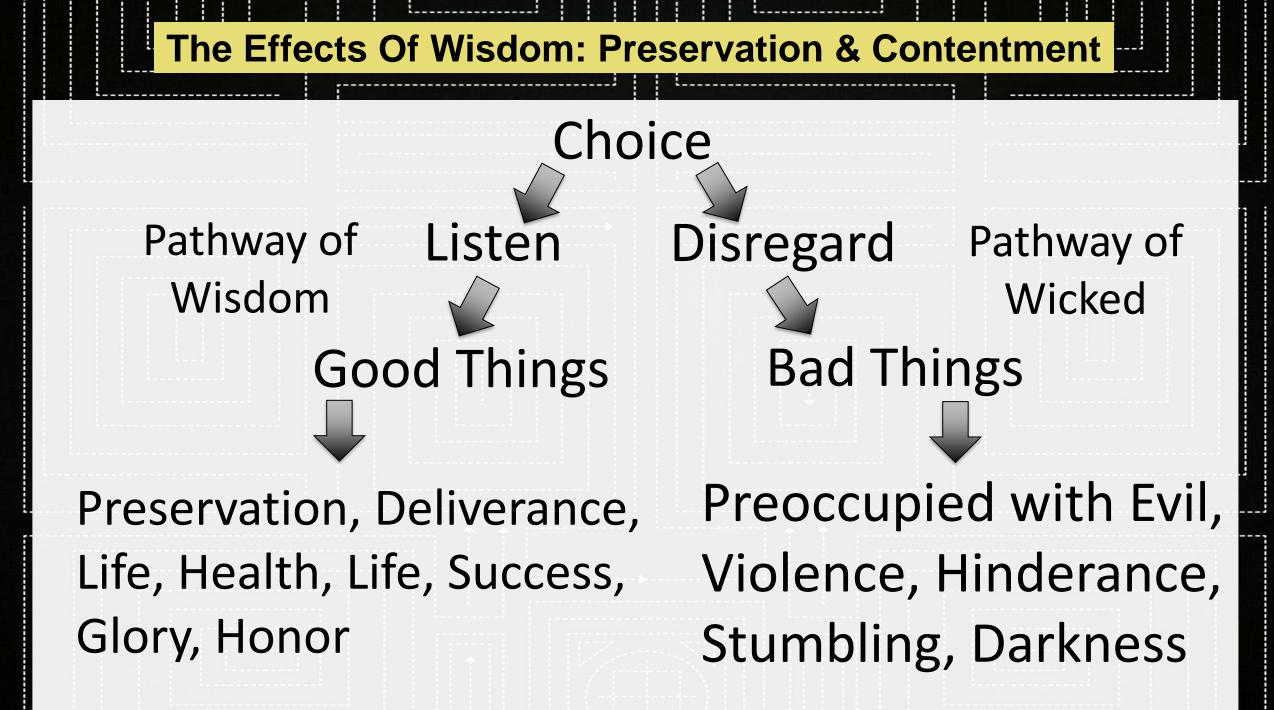
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## Path of Wisdom vs. Path of Wicked (Proverbs 4:18-19)

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Light vs. Darkness seen throughout bible:

Light used 221 times (NKJV) Darkness used 141 times (NKJV)

- Genesis 1:2-5
- Exodus 10:22-23
- John 1:4-5, 9
- John 8:12; 9:5

- John 12:46
- Matt 5:14-16
- 1 John 1:5
- Revelation 22:5

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Guard your heart.... How? Watch over your heart...

By guarding our speech, eyes, and steps!

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## **Questions to Consider**

- 1. Explain how wisdom can preserve or extend your life.
- 2. How are honor and grace created by wisdom?
- 3. What is the relationship between what we say and what is in our hearts?