

## Proverbs

**4:4**

[my father] taught me and told me

**practice my teaching, keep my commands** and live.

## Day 4

# Sing to God!


## Beyond the Sunset

## God's Word for the Day!

## Philippians 1:12-20

## Key Thought!

My **circumstances** a **unique opportunity** for the gospel  
a chance to **share Christ** where noone else might do so

<b>Praise</b>	(song in my heart to God)	
<b>Word</b>	(today's scripture text)	
<b>Prayer</b>	( <b>Specific</b> , as guided below)	
<b>Reflection</b>	(what I did or not yesterday)	
<b>Commitment</b>	(what I hope to do today)	

In prayer, be:    Serene      Selfless      Short      Simple      Sincere

Include: Praise Confession Intercession **Petition** Meditation

Praise: (thanksgiving for God's blessings)

**God's presence**, Trinity, Forgiveness, Salvation, Patience  
Spouse, Children, Home, Job, **Extended Family**, Friends

Confession: (admission of my falling short of God's best for me)

**Commissions** **Omissions**

Intercession: (asking God to work in the lives of others)

**Family** Friends Business Assoc Ministers Missions

**Petition:** (asking God to do something in me)

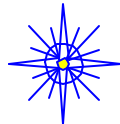
**Physical**   Mental   Emotional   Spiritual   Relational

Meditation: (be still before the Lord, think about...)

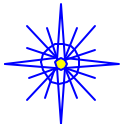
**Imagine the eruption of a mighty volcano ... energy released**

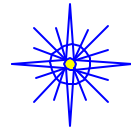
Commitment: (what I hope to do today)

**resolve to practice good toward every person I see today**



For: Day 4

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## Psalm 34

I will bless & praise God without ceasing!  
The humble will appreciate my boasting in the Lord.

Let us magnify and exalt the Lord's name together!

When I call the Lord,  
He answers  
He delivers! (from fear)

Our expression is radiant after being with God!

When I cry to the Lord, He saves me; every time!  
God's angels surround and rescue me from harm!

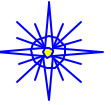
The Lord will see that all my needs are met.

The Lord watches and hears the righteous.

The Lord comforts the broken-hearted.  
The Lord heals crushed spirits.

If you desire to live well and long,  
speak no evil words  
speak no deceitful words  
stay away from everything which is wrong  
practice positive actions and attitudes  
pursue peace avidly

SHOW RESPECT AND REVERENCE to the Lord!



1 I will praise the LORD at all times; his praise is always on my lips. 2 My whole being praises the LORD. The poor will hear and be glad. 3 Glorify the LORD with me, and let us praise his name together.

4 I asked the LORD for help, and he answered me. He saved me from all that I feared. 5 Those who go to him for help are happy, and they are never disgraced. 6 This poor man called, and the LORD heard him and saved him from all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD camps around those who fear God, and he saves them. 8 Examine and see how good the LORD is. Happy is the person who trusts him. 9 You who belong to the LORD, fear him! Those who fear him will have everything they need. 10 Even lions may get weak and hungry, but those who look to the LORD will have every good thing.

11 Children, come and listen to me. I will teach you to worship the LORD. 12 You must do these things to enjoy life and have many happy days. 13 You must not say evil things, and you must not tell lies. 14 Stop doing evil and do good. Look for peace and work for it. 15 The LORD sees the good people and listens to their prayers.

16 But the LORD is against those who do evil; he makes the world forget them. 17 The LORD hears good people when they cry out to him, and he saves them from all their troubles. 18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, and he saves those whose spirits have been crushed. 19 People who do what is right may have many problems, but the LORD will solve them all.

20 He will protect their very bones; not one of them will be broken. 21 Evil will kill the wicked; those who hate good people will be judged guilty. 22 But the LORD saves his servants' lives; no one who trusts him will be judged guilty.

Philippians 1:12-20

Regardless of my circumstances and wherever they place me, I can and should promote the Gospel. God usually orchestrates circumstances to move me where He wants me to share His gospel.

Even if I am in the humblest of places (as Paul in prison), my faith and what I believe about Jesus should be known by all who have significant contact with me. It would be a tremendous thing if virtually everyone I have ever met knew of my faith in Jesus!

My courage with respect to sharing the gospel will be contagious. It will produce courage in others to boldly share their faith as well.

I believe that we Christians are most ineffective because no one will be a bold example for others to follow!

Phil 1:12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, <sup>14</sup>and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear. <sup>15</sup>Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; <sup>16</sup>the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; <sup>17</sup>the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup>What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice. <sup>19</sup>For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, <sup>20</sup>according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

## Proverbs 4:4

4 Then he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; Keep my commandments and live; (NNAS)

4 my father taught me and said, "Hold on to my words with all your heart. Keep my commands and you will live. (NCV)

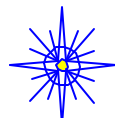
4 he taught me and said, "Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live. (NIV)

4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. (KJV)

4 He told me never to forget his words. "If you follow them," he said, "you will have a long and happy life. (TLB)

## Proverb 4

1 Hear, O sons, the instruction of a father, And give attention that you may gain understanding, 2 For I give you sound teaching; Do not abandon my instruction. 3 When I was a son to my father, Tender and the only son in the sight of my mother, 4 Then he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; Keep my commandments and live; 5 Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. 6 "Do not forsake her, and she will guard you; Love her, and she will watch over you. 7 "The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; And with all your acquiring, get understanding. 8 "Prize her, and she will exalt you; She will honor you if you embrace her. 9 "She will place on your head a garland of grace; She will present you with a crown of beauty." 10 Hear, my son, and accept my sayings, And the years of your life will be many. 11 I have directed you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in upright paths. 12 When you walk, your steps will not be impeded; And if you run, you will not stumble. 13 Take hold of instruction; do not let go. Guard her, for she is your life. 14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not proceed in the way of evil men. 15 Avoid it, do not pass by it; Turn away from it and pass on. 16 For they cannot sleep unless they do evil; And they are robbed of sleep unless they make someone stumble. 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence. 18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, That shines brighter and brighter until the full day. 19 The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know over what they stumble. 20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. 22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their whole body. 23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life. 24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put devious lips far from you. 25 Let your eyes look directly ahead, And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. 26 Watch the path of your feet, And all your ways will be established. 27 Do not turn to the right nor to the left; Turn your foot from evil.



## Reflections

### Victories and Defeats of yesterday (DID IT)

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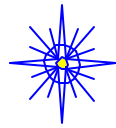
## Commitments

### Actions needed now (DO IT)

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## Quick Reference Guide to Dayprimer for today:

- C Reflect on the wisdom of Solomon
  - Read the selected verse(s) from multiple versions
  - Remember the highlighted words
- C Sing to the Lord (if you can't sing, read and reflect)
- C Read God's Word
  - Psalm for today
  - Proverb for today
  - Bible study passage for today
- C Focus for a moment on the "key thought"
  - Remember the highlighted words
- C Pray very specifically
  - In prayer be: (in an appropriate attitude)
  - Include: (focus on certain aspects of prayer)
  - [ Praise God for His work in your behalf
  - \ Confess your wrong doings and not doings
  - Y Intercede for the needs of others
  - Z Petition God for yourself
  - ± Meditate about God's creativity
  - \_ Commit to God to do something specific



## Sing to the Lord

### Beyond the Sunset

Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning,  
when with our Savior heaven is begun  
Earth's toiling ended, O glorious dawning,  
Beyond the sunset, when day is done.

Beyond the sunset no clouds will gather.  
No storms will threaten, no fears annoy.  
O day of gladness, O day unending,  
Beyond the sunset, eternal joy!

Beyond the sunset, O glad reunion,  
with our dear loved ones, who've gone before.  
In that fair homeland we'll know no parting.  
Beyond the sunset forever more!

