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Introduction.

Youth brings special challenges as the writer of Proverbs tells us.

He is but a young man, full of hot passions, and poor in knowledge and experience; how shall he get right, and keep right? ¹ Because many of them are still riding the crest of the wave, which has not yet broken, and they have not yet come crashing down on the coral beneath, they are hard to move. ²

The answer for the special challenges is the answer for everybody!

You must develop the right attitude, 9-11. ³

The right attitude includes awareness, v 9

You need to ask the question reflects a hunger, a lack, an awareness of a need.

The right attitude also includes an awareness of where to begin to find the answer.

The right attitude includes an acknowledgement, 10.

You need to passionately seek ⁴ the Lord of the law, 10a...

Or you will (not might) stray from the laws of the LORD, 10b.

The right attitude is characterized by a need for accrual, v 11.

You need to inculcate (treasure) the Word of God in the inner person, 11a... (this means MORE than memorize, but probably includes it)

Because in so doing is the only hope for victory over sin and the rewarding and joyful life spoken of in the following verses, 14, 16.

You must have the right source, God, v 12.

¹ Spurgeon, *Treasury*, 3:157.

² Adams, *Counsel from Psalm 119*, pp. 7, 8.

³ The "bones" of this outline are from Zemek, *The Word of God in the Child of God*, p 84.

⁴ The English equivalent, "to be occupied with," denotes the theoretical element of "research, investigation, study," which is everywhere present in the texts. The urgency and intensity of doing is expressed..., Wagner, *TDOT*, 3:299.

You must see that because of the character of God, he is worthy of praise (he alone is the source of all blessing), 12a.

Only a humble disciple-like dependence upon this God can accomplish this task, 12b.

You must exercise the right effort, 13-16.

You must see that lessons learned are to be humbly taught to others. A commitment to become a disciple is a commitment to become a disciple-maker for the rest of your life, v 13.

You must see that the right effort is demonstrated by right priorities, 14.

You must value the Scriptures more than any other gain or passion. You must 1) ask God to give you joy in a passionate pursuit of His word, 2) and believe indeed that this “highest priority pursuit” is indeed the greatest treasure.

You must see that the right effort requires diligent study, v 15.

You must see that the right effort requires unwavering resolution, 16.

The positive reflection, 16a

The negative reflection, 16b.

So what?

Do you have this passion?

Do you have this commitment?

Do you see it requires great effort on your part?

Do you see it requires great dependence upon God?

Who is God?	What has he said?	What has he done?	What does that mean to me?