

Word Pictures

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Proverbs 4:10-27

Imagine stepping outside just as the day begins. Watch the light bring out the vivid hues of the flowers and the deep greens of the trees.

The writer of Proverbs compared the morning sun with the path of righteousness. Just as the sun signifies life and hope, so the path of righteousness leads a person toward what God ordained as good. To walk with God is to lead a virtuous life where each step testifies of God's grace.

Wisdom literature like that found in the book of Proverbs often uses poetic forms to convey spiritual truth. The imagery of metaphor and simile paints a vibrant portrait that could not be fully described in a thousand words. Readers use these concise word pictures of common experiences to create a greater understanding.

We know the danger of walking in darkness. That word picture helps us understand the call to avoid the darkness of evil. Instead, we joyfully walk in the light of the goodness of God.

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