

Review of “Derek” & “Ma'gal”; Wheel-tracks of the Wicked Are Made Up of Sin, Human Good, & Evil, Prov 15:9

18. From this analysis it becomes obvious that *derek* and its synonym *ma'gal* refer to a person's behavior patterns, character traits, and lifestyle. These are really mental wheel-tracks that have been facilitated through repetition so that a person's conduct under certain stimuli is predictable.
19. Conduct is the overt result of thoughts that are retained in the memory traces of the brain installed there by repeated volitional decisions in the soul.
20. These behavior patterns remain unaltered when a person believes in Christ for salvation and eternal life. The only way that these habits can be altered and ultimately changed is through the inculcation of biblical truth which through free will inhibits the wheel-track of wickedness and facilitates a new wheel-track of righteousness.
21. With this in mind let's alter our verse a bit:

Proverbs 15:9 - The wheel-tracks [דֶּרֶךְ, *derek*: character traits, behavior patterns, and lifestyle] of the wicked [רָשָׁע *rasha'*] ...

22. The word “wicked” may be defined as follows: The believer who is in status quo carnality and retrogressing in the plan of God through neglect of Bible study lives in opposition to divine standards by developing and then facilitating wheel-tracks of sin, human good, and evil.
23. These wheel-tracks are described as thoughts and actions committed by those who are enemies of God. They are evil in that they do not learn and then execute righteous standards. Instead they commit wicked acts among and to the righteous.
24. The verse reads this way as far as we've gotten:

Proverbs 15:9 - The wheel-tracks [דֶּרֶךְ, *derek*: character traits, behavior patterns, and lifestyle] of the wicked [רָשָׁע *rasha'*], which are in opposition to God, are an abomination [תּוֹעֵבָה *to'evah*] to the Lord ...