

word **TO THE** wise

A S E R I E S I N P R O V E R B S

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Part 4 | **A Father's Wise Instruction**

Proverbs 4:1-27

- ...¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.
- ¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- ¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run,
you will not stumble.
- ¹³ Keep 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 walk in the way of the evil.
- ¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.
- ¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made 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,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
- ¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know over what they stumble.
- ²⁰ My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.
- ²¹ Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.
- ²² For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.
- ²³ Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Part 1: **GET WISDOM.**

v. 1-9

listen to Godly parents

v. 3-6

implement

v. 7-9

Part 2: Flee from **WICKEDNESS.**

v. 11-19

wisdom's ways

v. 10-13

wicked ways

v. 14-17

Part 3: Life flowing **INSIDE OUT.**

v. 20-27

pure heart

v. 21-23

pure heart

v. 24-27

A Spiritual Check-Up...



Grow.

Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

This summer we're in a series called "Word to the Wise". We'll be studying parts of the book of Proverbs and seeking the wisdom it offers. Have you every wanted wisdom? James tells us it's a good thing and we should ask for it (**James 1:5**), but there's also some effort to be put in on our end. Scripture makes it clear we don't get wisdom on accident but by searching for it like a hidden treasure (**Proverbs 2:1-22**).

This summer let's make an effort to read from Proverbs every day.

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

- 1. What applies to me today?** (*And how can I do it—in thought, attitude, word, or deed?*)
- 2. Where have I seen this in others?**
- 3. Where have I experienced this?**

Ideas to Maximize Your Reading of Proverbs:

Pick a Time: If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen. Consider your options.

Mark it Up: Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you've done this over time.

Write Down Your Thoughts: Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.

Use an App: Below are sites/apps that have Proverbs reading plans for your smartphone, tablet or computer. There is even an audio option for listening instead of reading. Each app allows you to mark up verses, jot down notes, as well as share your thoughts with friends.

Gateway Bible Proverb Reading Plan

<https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/proverbs-monthly/today?version=NIV>

YouVersion Bible Proverb Reading Plan (*Free in AppStore*)

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/149-proverbs>

Faithlife Study Bible (*Free in AppStore*)

<https://support.faithlife.com/hc/en-us/articles/360032481712-Reading-Plans>

Ease Up: If you miss a day reading, don't stress and say, "Forget about it..." and give up! Just pick it up the next day and keep going!

* This week's Food for Thought is adapted from a discussion guide by North Coast Church in Vista, CA and "God's Wisdom for Navigating Life: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Book of Proverbs" by Tim Keller. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible, part of the EFCA.

Life Groups Return in the Fall!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, look for sign-ups in August or let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin. **Look for other opportunities to connect outside of Life Groups over the summer.**





APRIL/MAY/JUNE CHALLENGE:

Gather, Grow, Go!

We want to see every person who calls Wawasee home do 3 things:

1. **Gather** regularly on Sunday mornings. (Hebrews 10:25).
2. **Grow** by getting connected in a growth ministry like a Life Group, Forge, Women's Bible Study, etc. Don't just show up, *grow up!* (1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Heb. 5:12)
3. **Go** serve somewhere! Wawasee Bible will *never* feel like family to you until you're linking arms and serving somewhere. **Where are you serving?** More than ever, we need people willing to serve. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

How are you doing at these three things? Do you need to **Gather** and show up more regularly? Do you need to **Grow** up and get connected in a Life Group? Do you need to **Go** and get off the sidelines and into the game so that you can contribute rather than just consume?

This spring your challenge is to take some tangible steps to *Gather, Grow, & Go!*

Word Find for Mark 7:14-23 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

14 And he **called** the **people** to him **again** and **said** to them, "**Hear** me, all of you, and **understand**: 15 **There** is **nothing** outside a **person** that by **going** into him can **defile** him, but the **things** that **come** out of a **person** are what **defile** him." 17 And **when** he had **entered** the **house** and **left** the **people**, his **disciples** **asked** him about the **parable**. 18 And he **said** to them, "**Then** are you **also** without **understanding**? Do you not see that whatever **goes** into a **person** from outside **cannot defile** him, 19 since it **enters** not his **heart** but his **stomach**, and is **expelled**?" (**Thus** he **declared** all **foods** **clean**.) 20 And he **said**, "What **comes** out of a **person** is what **defiles** him. 21 For from within, out of the **heart** of man, **come** **evil** **thoughts**, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these **evil things** **come** from within, and they **defile** a **person**."

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