

## **A Plea for Wise Living > Proverbs 4:1-27**

**4:1-9** Followers of Christ are called to commit to a lifelong pursuit of wisdom – not only for themselves, but also as an example that can be passed on to the next generation.

**4:10-19** Christ’s disciples are called to stay on the path of wisdom. We are to flee from the ways of the wicked no matter how enticing, easy, or necessary they might seem.

**4:20-27** Christ’s people are called to live wisely. We do this by paying close attention to the Word, by guarding our hearts from any and all wicked influences, by using our own words in wise ways to encourage and build up, by keeping our eyes focused on the Savior, and by making time to reflect on the pattern and path that our life is taking.

**Context:** Chapter 4 builds on a number of themes that we’ve seen already in the book of Proverbs: parental appeals for wise living, calls to seek and embrace God’s wisdom, and warnings against following the patterns and ways of those who oppose the Lord.

**Aim:** That the young in Israel – alongside all of God’s people – would live in a way that honors Him rather than accommodates the world.

**Gospel:** Christ Himself grew in wisdom (**Luke 2:40, 52**) and has perfectly embodied what it looks like to live wisely. His righteousness becomes ours at the cross, and we respond by prioritizing what He Himself said is important.

**Applications:** How will you build a habit of “getting wisdom”? How can you help others to make that normal in their lives?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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