



Introduction: Our theme will be _____. Did you know that the word *wisdom* is used some ____ times in the book of Proverbs?

I. How We _____ Wisdom (4:1–9)

🔍 “_____” (4:1)

“Hear, my children, the instruction of a father . . .”

To hear means “to take _____ of you.” It is time to hear God’s Word and take it into our lives.

⚠️ **“Give _____ to” (4:1)**

“. . . and give attention to know understanding.”

Everyone wants our attention—our _____, children, friends, and _____.

We give attention to an area of _____.

📖 “_____” (4:2)

“For I give you good doctrine: do not forsake my law.”

Solomon’s law is good _____.

Another word for doctrine is _____.

Good doctrine shows us God’s will for our lives. (2 Timothy 3:16–17; 4:3–5)

PAY _____! We don’t run from wisdom; we run to it.

📌 “_____” (4:3–4)

“Let your heart retain my words; keep my commands, and live.”

Retain means “to _____ hold of.” We retain God’s Word through _____ and _____. (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:11)

🔒 “_____” (4:4)

“... keep my commands, and live.”

If we keep the commands we discover in God’s Word, we shall truly live—a full, overflowing, abundant life.

💡 “_____ **wisdom! Get understanding!**” (4:5)

“Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.”

❤️ “_____” (4:6)

“Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will keep you.”

When we discover God’s _____ (wisdom) and learn to apply it (understanding), we need to love her.

📖 **The Principal Thing** (4:7)

“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.”

👑 “_____ **her**” (4:8–9)

“Exalt her, and she will promote you; she will bring you honor, when you embrace her.”

To exalt her means to _____ her.

II. **How to _____ Wisdom** (4:10–19)

⬇️ “_____” (4:10)

“Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many.”

👣 “_____” (4:11–12)

“When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble.”

If we put into _____ what we hear, our walk will not be hindered. The Christian life is sometimes a _____ and sometimes a _____.



Take Firm Hold of Instruction (4:13)

“Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life.”



Do Not _____ (4:14–17)

Avoid _____ or places, and conversations, that would hinder our testimony.



Leave _____ (4:18–19)

Those who practice wisdom leave _____ for others to follow. The path of the just shines like the sun.

III. How to _____ Wisdom (4:20–27)



“_____” (4:20)

“My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.”

We bend our ear _____ at the hearing of God’s Word. To incline means we ourselves must _____ close.



“_____” (4:21)

“Do not let them depart from your eyes . . .”

We read the _____ and make it a daily _____. The eye is the window to the _____.



“_____” (4:21b, 23)

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”

Guard your heart at all times. It takes discipline not to let our hearts _____ into sin. (Luke 16:13; Psalm 139:1–4)



Guard Your _____ (4:24)

“Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.”



“_____” (4:25)

“Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you.”

To have _____ in the Christian life, keep your eyes straight ahead—Christ at the center of all we do. (Ephesians 4:14)

串 “_____” (4:26)

“Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established.”

Ask: _____—What would Jesus do? Let your feet take you to places that honor the Lord. (Proverbs 3:5–6)

⊖ “_____” (4:27)

“Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.”

Wrong turns lead to _____ time! Without God’s wisdom, we will _____ into sin.

Conclusion: We have been encouraged to:

I. _____ wisdom

II. _____ wisdom

III. _____ wisdom

Let’s give these verses some _____—

but more than that, let’s _____ what we have heard to our daily lives. This is what honors the Lord.

This week: Look back at Proverbs 4 and ask where you might be wandering. The best Christian life is one spent walking in the wisdom of the Lord.

What lessons did you learn from today’s message?
