

**GOD'S WISDOM FOR LIFE, PART 6:
"GUARD YOUR HEART"**

Proverbs 4:1-27

Ps. John Eom

*No matter the cost,
get God's wisdom to guard your heart.*

¹ Hear, O sons, a father's instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain insight,
² for I give you good precepts;
do not forsake my teaching.
³ When I was a son with my father,
tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,
⁴ he taught me and said to me,
"Let your heart hold fast my words;
keep my commandments, and live.
⁵ Get wisdom; get insight;
do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.
⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;
love her, and she will guard you.
⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever you get, get insight.
⁸ Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;
she will honor you if you embrace her.
⁹ She will place on your head a graceful garland;
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."
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.

²⁴ Put away from you crooked speech,

and put devious talk far from you.

²⁵ Let your eyes look directly forward,

and your gaze be straight before you.

²⁶ Ponder the path of your feet;

then all your ways will be sure.

²⁷ Do not swerve to the right or to the left;

turn your foot away from evil.

Overview:

- I. Note on hearing the words of wisdom (1,10,20)**
- II. Get wisdom and wisdom will guard you (1-9)**
- III. Guard wisdom and you won't get lost in life (10-19)**
- IV. Guard your heart and it will be healed (20-27)**