# Wisdom Passed Down: Guiding the Young through Scripture



Explore the vital role of the wise in teaching youth through Proverbs 4:1-2 and related Scriptures for lasting spiritual growth.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this transformative 3-day Bible study focused on the profound role of the wise in teaching the young, inspired by *Proverbs 4:1-2*. Teaching and guiding the next generation is central to God's plan, and the Scriptures give us clear insight into how this nurturing should be done.

In *Proverbs 4:1–2*, we see a father's heartfelt instruction to his children to receive his words and live. This passage emphasizes that moral and spiritual wisdom is not only invaluable but essential for life's journey. The wise—parents, mentors, teachers, and spiritual leaders—are charged with the sacred task of imparting knowledge, discernment, and understanding to the young, who will shape the future.

Throughout this study, we will explore the beauty and responsibility of this calling. You will reflect on what it means to be wise and how wisdom rooted in God's Word can be nurtured and passed on effectively. We will also consider the heart attitudes needed in both the teacher and the learner to foster growth, faith, and righteousness.

As you engage with these Scriptures and meditations, may you be inspired to embrace wisdom's role in your life or in the lives of those you influence. Let us step deeply into a journey of understanding, encouragement, and commitment—knowing that the wise guide the young toward life and blessing.















#### Your Verse

Proverbs 4:1-2 NIV "Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 25:4 "Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths."
- Ecclesiastes 12:1 "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth."







## Devotional: Listening to the Wisdom of God and Elders

Our journey begins with a call to listen and learn. In *Proverbs 4:1–2*, a father urges his sons to receive his instruction — not merely to hear, but to actively pay attention and gain deep understanding. This emphasis on listening is foundational for anyone positioned to teach or be taught. Wisdom begins with a humble, teachable spirit willing to embrace correction and guidance.

Every generation benefits greatly when the older, wiser members commit to teaching their children and youth thoughtfully. But equally, the young must be open and ready to receive these lessons. This dynamic is essential to building a legacy of godly living and righteous character.

Consider your own life or community: Are you embracing the call to both teach and learn? Are you making time to intentionally pass down lessons that matter, grounded in Scripture and lived experience? Wisdom, after all, is not only knowledge but understanding applied.

Today, invite God to shape your heart—whether as a wise mentor or a receptive learner—so you can value the precious role of teaching and being taught.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How open am I to receiving instruction from those wiser than me?
2.	What attitudes help or hinder me in teaching others effectively?
	In what ways can I better make time for teaching or learning wisdom daily?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when wise guidance made a difference in your decisions.
2.	List areas where you need to be more teachable and receptive to wisdom.
3.	Describe how you can intentionally share a lesson you've learned with a younger person.







#### Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, help me to listen attentively and cherish the gift of wisdom passed down through Your Word and the lives of the wise around me. Teach me to walk in understanding and to embrace the responsibility to share truth lovingly and clearly. May I have a heart that receives and a spirit that imparts Your knowledge faithfully. Strengthen me in this vital role of teaching and learning, for Your glory and the flourishing of others. In Jesus' name, *amen*.



















#### Your Verse

Proverbs 22:6 NIV "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Deuteronomy 6:6-7 "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children."
- Psalm 78:4 "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD."







## Devotional: Intentional Teaching for Lifelong Faithfulness

**Teaching the young is about setting them on a path that leads to lasting faithfulness.** Proverbs 22:6 offers a promise—when children are guided rightly from the start, they carry that foundation throughout life. This underscores the importance of intentionality in teaching God's truth early and often.

The wisdom of the older generation shapes character by consistently imprinting God's commands, values, and stories on young hearts. Deuteronomy reminds parents and mentors to talk about God's Word constantly—while walking, sitting, and lying down. It's a daily lifestyle, not an occasional lesson.

Psalm 78 shows us that recounting the mighty acts of the Lord builds hope and trust. Sharing testimonies of God's faithfulness helps young people see His power and goodness firsthand, making lessons real and alive.

As you reflect today, ask God how you can make your teaching or mentorship intentional, consistent, and enriched with stories that inspire trust in Him.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What habits or routines can help me consistently share God's truth?
	How do stories of God's faithfulness impact the way young people receive wisdom?
	In what ways can I actively invest in the spiritual foundation of the young around me?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on a spiritual lesson or story that shaped your early faith.
	Plan how to incorporate daily or weekly teaching moments in your home or ministry.
	Identify a young person to encourage and think about a specific way to support their spiritual growth.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** thank You for the trust and privilege of guiding young hearts. Help me to be intentional in teaching Your ways consistently, and to share stories of Your faithfulness in ways that inspire and encourage. Give me wisdom to lay a sure foundation that lasts through all of life's changes. May the seeds I plant bear fruit for Your kingdom and bless generations to come. In Jesus' name, *amen*.









## Day 3: 🖓 Living Out Wisdom Together









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#### Your Verse

Titus 2:3-5 NIV "Teach the older women to... train the younger women to love their husbands and children."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 4:9 "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice."
- James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."







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# Devotional: Modeling and Practicing Wisdom in Community

Wisdom is most powerful when it is lived out, not just taught. Titus 2 shows us the model of older women mentoring younger women, not only with words but also by modeling godly living. This relational, practical teaching trains the next generation in love, integrity, and faithfulness.

Similarly, Paul encourages believers in Philippians to put into practice what they have learned and seen in their mentors. Faith becomes authentic and impactful when knowledge is paired with action, and young people especially benefit from seeing faith in motion.

James warns against passive hearing of God's Word; the blessing comes in active obedience. The wise don't just communicate wisdom—they embody it, encouraging others to do the same. This creates a supportive community where wisdom flows naturally from one to another.

Reflect today on how you can both teach and live wisdom, creating a cycle of faith that strengthens and encourages.







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## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does my lifestyle reflect the wisdom I seek to share?
2.	Who in my life exemplifies living out God's Word practically?
3.	What steps can I take to better integrate teaching with action?







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## **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about someone who modeled godly wisdom for you and what you learned.
	List practical ways you can demonstrate wisdom in relationships with younger believers.
3.	Plan a simple way to encourage or mentor someone spiritually this week.







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#### Prayer for Today

**Father,** help me to not only speak Your wisdom but also to live it faithfully before others. Let my example inspire and train those younger in faith to love and follow You wholeheartedly. Strengthen me to be a mentor who encourages both learning and doing. May Your Spirit empower each step I take in this sacred role. In Jesus' name, *amen*.









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