

# Wisdom for the New Year

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*Reflections on Proverbs 4:20-27*

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<sup>20</sup> My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. <sup>21</sup> Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. <sup>22</sup> For **they are life** to those who find them, **and healing** to all their flesh. <sup>23</sup> Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. <sup>24</sup> Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.



## Proverbs 4:20-27

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<sup>25</sup> Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. <sup>26</sup> Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. <sup>27</sup> Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

# Guard Your **Heart**

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Prov 4:23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

How is your thought life? What thoughts do you dwell on? What are you feeding your mind?

# Watch Your **Mouth**

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Prov 4:24 Put away from you crooked speech, and put  
devious talk far from you.

Are you words truthful? Kind?

Do your words encourage/discourage? Build up/tear  
down?



# Fix Your **Eyes**

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“Bi-Focal Vision” – Long-term vision/next step

# Keep Your **Feet** in Step

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Prov 4:27 Do not swerve to the right or to the left;  
turn your foot away from evil.

Obedience: staying “in step” with God. (Gal 5:25)