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### Proverbs 4:20-27

The most obvious source of godly wisdom is the Bible. There we find the Lord's principles for right character, conduct, and conversation, which apply to the situations and decisions that confront every human being.

We're all able to recall times when we didn't respond wisely. Those incidents can be traced back to one of two possibilities—either we didn't know a certain biblical principle or we knew the principle that applied but chose to ignore it. To ensure that we're familiar with God's standards and the importance of following them, we have to spend time reading and understanding His Word.

For example, suppose that you walk into the office and a coworker verbally assaults you with undeserved blame for a costly mistake. Your flesh and the world would have you respond in kind with anger and malice. But Luke 6:27-29 offers a different approach, that might go something like this, spoken gently: "Is there anything else? Thank you for telling me how you feel about this."

Knowledge comes from learning biblical principles; wisdom has to do with applying them. The Lord cautions us to keep His Word in our heart and in our head so we will heed His instructions

(Josh. 1:8; Prov. 8:33).

In pursuing the Christian life, we acquire wisdom by absorbing Scripture, doing what it says, and observing the result, which is for our good even when consequences appear less than favorable. Special classes aren't required; God simply wants an obedient heart and willing spirit.

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