

# Proverbs 3:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

## Analysis

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Keeping sound wisdom and discretion 'before your eyes' demands constant vigilance. The Hebrew 'natsal' (depart) suggests these can slip away through neglect or distraction. Maintaining godly wisdom requires intentional focus, regular renewal through God's word, and dependence on the Spirit's illumination.

## Historical Context

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Ancient scribes and sages cultivated wisdom through constant meditation and memorization. The oral culture demanded active retention of truth, unlike modern reliance on external information storage.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What spiritual disciplines help you keep God's wisdom constantly before you?
2. Where do you tend to lose sight of godly wisdom in your daily routine?

## Interlinear Text

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My son	H408	let not them depart	from thine eyes	keep	sound wisdom
H1121		H3868	H5869	H5341	H8454
וּמִדָּבָר:					
and discretion					
H4209					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 1:8** (Parallel theme): This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

**Proverbs 4:21** (Parallel theme): Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

**Deuteronomy 4:9** (Parallel theme): Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

**1 John 2:27** (Parallel theme): But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

**Proverbs 2:7** (Parallel theme): He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

**John 8:31** (Parallel theme): Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

**1 John 2:24** (Parallel theme): Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

