

Choosing the Right Path

Various Scriptures

“But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.” -Proverbs 4:18

As you reflect on your life, what were some challenges you had or are having in choosing the right path?

* _____ Pressure

*Trusting my _____

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2

As we continue in Proverbs, Solomon shares more insight with his son and children about life. Although there are many challenges in teaching our children right from wrong, we must do our best to encourage them to follow our example and choose wisdom.

● Continue the Pattern Proverbs 4:1-9

What pattern is Solomon showing his children?

* _____ his instruction.

*Give _____ to know understanding.

Why?

✓ Because he gives _____ doctrine; healthy, edifying, nurturing.

✓ Because he too was once a _____ under the care of his father. (3-9)

“Honor your father and mother, so that your days may be prolonged on the land which the Lord your God gives you.” -Exodus 20-12

What are the benefits of encouraging our children to get wisdom and make it a priority?

*P _____; to take care, make something last longer.

*K _____; security, confidence

*P _____; elevate, raise value

*H _____; respect

*R _____; special treatment, eternal life, crown of glory

What are some challenges many parents face when teaching their children about God's Word and wisdom?

● Compare the Paths Proverbs 4:10-19

Name one thing you disliked about your parents teaching and discipline.

*R _____

Notice what Solomon says again in our text.

✓ _____ my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be _____.

✓ I have taught you in the way of _____.

✓ Take a firm hold of _____ do not let go; keep her for she is your life.

How do you respond whenever you hear something over and over?

*"Therefore let the one who thinks he stand watch out that he does not fall."
-1 Corinthians 10:12*

What are the two paths that Solomon refers to in his talk?

➤ The path of the _____ and the path of the _____.

As we look at the first path, do you see any commands or warnings? What are they and how does he describe this path?

*Do not _____

*Do not _____ in the way of evil.

*A _____ it, do not _____ on it;

*T _____ away from it and _____ on.

Why?

✓ They do not _____ unless they do evil.

✓ They _____ the bread of wickedness and _____ the wine of violence.

✓ The darkest gloom, they don't know what makes them _____.

How about the path of the just?

*In contrast to the path of the wicked, the path of the just is like the _____ sun, that shines ever brighter unto midday. NKJV: the perfect day

✧ Some writers suggest this is a picture of one who has chosen to walk in the light of Jesus Christ and in doing so they walk straight into the perfect day of eternity.

Cross references: Matthew 7:13-14; John 8:12; Revelation 22:5

Is there a path for those who are both wicked and just? Why is there no such thing?

Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived; no sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. -1 Corinthians 6:9-10

● Consider your Position Proverbs 4:20-27

As we close out chapter 4, what does Solomon remind him to do?

*Pay _____ to my words

*Listen _____ to my sayings.

*Don't lose _____ of them.

*Keep them in your _____.

Why?

✓ They are life to those who _____ them and health to your whole body.

What is the most important thing his son should do?

*Guard his _____.

Why?

✓ It is the source of _____.

What else does Solomon warn his son about?

*Don't let your mouth speak _____ and don't let your lips talk _____.

*Let your eyes look _____; fix your gaze straight ahead.

*Carefully _____ the path for your feet, and all your ways will be established.

*Don't turn to the _____ or to the _____, keep your feet away from evil.

Why is it important to know where you are on this journey called life?

“There is a way that seems right to a person, but its end is the way to death.” -Proverbs 14:12