

What Path Are You On?

Text: Proverbs 4:14-27

Introduction

We are living in a day when “tolerance” has become the watchword of our “politically correct” society. In order to demonstrate tolerance, the rule of law is often suspended, and the Law of God is rejected. For anyone to suggest that there are “absolutes” in this world, is to become the target of ridicule, scorn and many times, legal action.

However, those of us who receive the Bible as God’s inspired Word, have a different perspective. As we continue our study in Proverbs, we continue to hear Solomon define the differences between the wicked and the righteous. In our text, Solomon again admonishes “*my son*” (v.20) concerning right and wrong. Here, he outlines the differences in character and consequences. Character does have consequences!

He warns his son to **stay away** from the wrong crowd. In the text, Solomon reveals the **two paths of life**. We also find two life principles in our text.

I. The Path of the Wicked (vv. 14-17, 19).

Life Principle #9: _____.

A. _____ of the wicked.

1. _____ (“*wicked*,” vv. 14,17).

2. _____ (v.16a).

3. _____ (v.16b).

B. Consequences of the wicked (v.19).

1. _____ life.

2. _____ life.

II. The Path of the Just (i.e. righteous; vv. 18, 20-22).

A. _____ of the just (v.18a).

1. _____ by righteousness.

2. _____ in righteousness (“*shineth more and more*”).

B. _____ of the just (v.18b).

1. _____ path.

2. _____ path (“*unto the perfect day*”).

- C. _____ of the just (vv. 20-22).
1. _____ to godly counsel (vv. 20-21).
 2. _____ by godly counsel (v.22).

III. The Path to Choose (vv. 23-25).

Life Principle #10: _____

- A. _____ your mouth (v.24). —*Every _____ is a revelation of the heart!*
1. Put away a “forward” _____.
 2. Put far away perverse _____.
- B. _____ your eyes (v.25; cf. Matt. 5:22-23).
- Every look is an _____ of the heart!*
1. Control your _____ (v.25a).
 2. Control you _____ (v.25b)
- C. _____ your feet (vv. 26-27).
- Every action of life is an _____ of the heart!*
1. _____ your walk (v.26).
 2. _____ your walk (v.27).