

Proverbs 4

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, I thank You and praise You for Your undying love toward me. I glorify You by receiving Your Word and doing what You command is best for me.

Comments/Insights: What I received from Proverbs 4 is that, as children, our first love is not to be someone of the opposite sex, but Wisdom. We are to have our first crush, our first courtship, our first long term committed relationship with the word of God.

Basic Scripture Truth: The verses that really grabbed my attention are 14 and 15, “Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it. Turn away from it and pass on.” This command comes to us from a loving and concerned Father who tells us not to entertain, negotiate with, or contemplate those who practice evil, for their only purpose is our total destruction.

In my life I have witnessed too many people who thought they had the strength and skill to dabble with evil, believing the whole time that they were in control, and that nothing too serious would happen. And yet, they find that a taste of evil has developed into addiction, leading to the death of relationships, the death of love and respect of self and even eternal death.

Application to my Life: The Lord commands me in verse 25, “Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet.” I am commanded to look unto The Lord, the author and finisher of my faith, with my head held high in the confidence of the Spirit of God, thinking and meditating only on the righteous path before me, walking on the foundation laid by our loving and gracious Father. And the blessings of security and success will come to me by, and for, the Glory of God in Christ Jesus.

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, I pray for your guidance as I place my hope and trust in You. I pray for the strength to look unto You only, that I may not turn to the left or the right where evil dwells in wait to destroy me. That I may not ponder the invitations of the wicked, and that I find all I need and want in You alone. Amen.

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