

## 10 Ways to Win as a Man

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### Week 2: A Man & His Path (Part 2)

#### Recap:

**Proverbs 4:14-27**, *“Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way. For they cannot rest until they do evil; they are robbed of sleep till they make someone stumble. They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble. My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words; Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the[a] paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.”*

### The 5 Focuses of a Man & His Path (First 2)

#### 1. A Clean Heart

- **Proverbs 4:23**, *Keep your heart with all diligence, For everything you do flows from it.*
- The heart must be right if the life is to be right
- Man’s natural heart is:
  - Foolish (Proverbs 28:26)
  - Unreliable (Hebrews 3:12)
  - Corrupt – selfish and sinful (Jeremiah 17:9 & Matthew 15:19)
- The cure for our heart’s condition is to truly seek the Lord

#### 2. A Cautious Mouth

- **Proverbs 21:23**, *Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles.*
- “By examining the tongue of a patient, physicians find out the diseases of the body, philosophers find out the diseases of the mind, and Christians find out the diseases of the soul.” -- **Justin Martyr**

### The 5 Focuses of a Man & His Path (Last 3)

#### 3. A Controlled Eye

**Proverbs 4:25**, *Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the[a] paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.*

- Focus. Anything that detracts or distracts us from the cross of Christ and the gospel must be ruled out.
  - What is your vision?
  - What are you aiming at in life, at home, at work, in the church? What does the other side look like when IT is all said and done?
  - What is your mission?
  - What has God called you to? Who has God called you to?
- A man of God has a sense of future about himself and those he leads.
  - Crawford Loritts said his dad told him one time as a young boy, “You’re going somewhere—Act Like It.”
  - Who is on the journey with you and where are you taking them?

- What are you passing on to a time you cannot see? Legacy.
- Men are called to be a portrait of the desired destination at which others should wish to arrive.
  - What kind of picture are you painting?

#### **4. A Careful Foot**

**Proverbs 4:26-27**, *Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.*

- Ponder – think through... where will this take me if I choose this path? Do not TURN – the heart is the first thing to turn.

**Psalms 119:176**, *I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commands.*

- To be a man means you are a steward of direction. You have people following you.

**James 1:16**, *Do not err, my beloved brethren.*

- We cannot afford to err [deceived][roam from safety or truth to wander, go astray, be out of the way]

**Psalms 119:35**, *Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.*

**Proverbs 16:25**, *There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.*

- Don't get thrown off course.
  - "Spiritual immaturity is slow to heed God's voice unless hardships come." Henry Blackaby
  - "Spiritual deadness is revealed when no Word from God can move us to action." Henry Blackaby

**James 1:8**, *A double-minded man is unstable in all of his ways.*

#### **5. A Consecrated Ear (Sacred Hearing)**

**Proverbs 5:1-2**, *My son, pay attention to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding, That you may preserve discretion, And your lips may keep knowledge.*

**James 1:19**, *So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;*

- Swift (to be ready) to hear – emphasizes the necessity of hearing. Pay attention.
- Be ever eager hearers; ever listening for the Spirit's voice and the sound of the Scriptures; listen much. The message of God requires an attentive response.

**James 1:21**, *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

- Lay apart – discard, strip off; rid yourself of; like a snake ridding itself of skin and leaving it behind
- Lay Apart Filthiness
  - Filthiness keeps us from hearing God properly. It deadens our ability to hear God.
  - The soul that comes before God ill-prepared to hear because of filthiness in their life cannot take in the message.
- Lay Apart Naughtiness
  - Overflow of naughtiness; overgrown with weeds that cannot be controlled; overwhelming wickedness.

**1 Kings 19:11-13**, *Then he said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the Lord's presence. At that moment, the Lord passed by. A great and mighty wind was tearing at the mountains and was shattering cliffs before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was a voice, a soft whisper. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Suddenly, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"*

- By nature, we plunge into Bible study and worship, with cluttered lives or selfish time schedules, saying, "Speak now, Lord, or you'll lose your chance. I'm really busy right now and must run soon."
  - Are you leaning in to hear the whisper from God? Life is busy and loud. You must get away and listen. And when you are in the chaos, quiet your soul by lending your ear to the Lord to hear His whisper. He is always speaking.