

## Our Heavenly Heritage

Part 12

### Finding God's Direction for Your Life

#### 1. Seek God's Wisdom and Devote yourself to Christ.

<sup>15</sup>Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—<sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil." *Ephesians 5:15-16 (CSB)*

<sup>10</sup>Listen, my son. Accept my words, and you will live many years.

<sup>11</sup>I am teaching you the way of wisdom; I am guiding you on straight paths. <sup>12</sup>When you walk, your steps will not be hindered; when you when you run, you will not stumble. <sup>13</sup>Hold on to instruction; don't let go. Guard it, for it is your life. <sup>14</sup>Keep off the path of the wicked; don't proceed on the way of evil ones. <sup>15</sup>Avoid it; don't travel on it. Turn away from it, and pass it by. <sup>16</sup>For they can't sleep unless they have done what is evil; they are robbed of sleep unless they make someone stumble. <sup>17</sup>They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. <sup>18</sup>The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, shining brighter and brighter until midday. <sup>19</sup>But the way of the wicked is like the darkest gloom; they don't know what makes them stumble. <sup>20</sup>My son, pay attention to my words; listen closely to my sayings. <sup>21</sup>Don't lose sight of them; keep them within your heart. <sup>22</sup>For they are life to those who find them, and health to one's whole body. <sup>23</sup>Guard your heart above all else, for it is the source of life. <sup>24</sup>Don't let your mouth speak dishonestly, and don't let your lips talk deviously. <sup>25</sup>Let your eyes look forward: fix your gaze straight ahead. <sup>26</sup>Carefully consider the path for your feet, and all your ways will be established. <sup>27</sup>Don't turn to the right or to the left: keep your feet away from evil." *Proverbs 4:10-27 (CSB)*

<sup>2</sup>Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup>At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains, <sup>4</sup>so that I may make it known as I should. <sup>5</sup>Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. <sup>6</sup>Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person." *Colossians 4:2-6 (CSB)*

#### 2. Seek God's Will and Dedicate yourself to living it out.

<sup>17</sup>So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. . . ." *Ephesians 5:17 (CSB)*

*Jesus said,* <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>This is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me but should raise them up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him will have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." *John 6:38-40 (CSB)*

<sup>13</sup>Evil people and impostors will become worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, <sup>15</sup>and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." *2 Timothy 3:13-17 (CSB)*

#### 3. Seek God's Way and Walk in His Spirit.

<sup>18</sup>And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit: <sup>9</sup>speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another in the fear of Christ." *Ephesians 5:18-21 (CSB)*

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things. <sup>24</sup>Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."

*Galatians 5:22-26 (CSB)*