

Uncommon Sense

The Path

Proverbs 4:20-27 “My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. 22 For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. 23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. 24 Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. 25 Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. 26 Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. 27 Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.”

Keep it? Get rid of it?

- **Renovation** - deciding what to keep and what to get rid of.
- **Inevitable** - stuff I kept, but wish I had gotten rid of (and vice versa).

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The Heart - commonly refers to the **center of thinking and reason**, but also includes the **emotions**, and the **will**.

- **Pretty much the whole being (Proverbs 3:5)**

The heart is a depository for all wisdom

- What's in the heart affects all of life

“For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.” (v.22)

The Heart: The Ultimate Source of...

What You _____ “Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.” (v.24)

- **“Crooked Speech”**

Proverbs 6:12-14 “A worthless person, a wicked man, goes about with crooked speech, winks with his eyes, signals with his feet, points with his finger, with perverted heart devises evil, continually sowing discord;”

Proverbs 19:1 “Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity than one who is crooked in speech and is a fool.”

Titus 2:7-8 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.”

What You _____ “Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.” (V.25)

Psalm 101:3 “I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.”

Hebrews 12:2 “...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

What You _____ “Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.” (V.26)

Proverbs 5:21 “For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord, and he ponders all his paths.”

Psalm 139:23-24 “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

