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We've all ended up places we never meant to be—where life was complicated and there were seemingly no good options. Looking back, some chose paths based upon faulty information. Others had good information, but chose to do nothing with it. We're going to discover that having good information is only half the battle. The other half is doing something with the information you have received. Because whatever direction we're going will determine our destination.



BIG IDEA: Good Information + Concentration + Action + Course Correction = Desired Destination

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when you stopped and asked someone for driving directions. Did they give you good directions? Bad directions? Were they more lost than you?
2. One step to getting to your destination is having **good information**. However, why is good information not a guarantee that you will end up at your desired destination?
3. *Read Proverbs 4:20-23*. What is Solomon saying to you and to me? Why does Solomon repeat himself here? Where is Solomon telling us to get our information?
4. *Verse 21* says, to let God's Word "*penetrate deep into your heart.*" How can you do practically do this? Do you think Solomon is thinking of a one-time act or a continual process?
5. What are some ways in which you can guard your heart (i.e., your values)?
6. *Read Proverbs 4:25*. What is Solomon telling us to do here? List the verbs in this verse.

By focusing on one thing means you are NOT focusing on everything else. You are saying, "Yes" to one direction and "No" to every other direction or possible direction. You become laser-focused.

7. Why is it so hard to *fix your gaze* and accomplish a life-goal? What areas do you need to **concentrate** on in your life right now, to the exclusion of others?
8. *Read Proverbs 4:26*. What is Solomon telling us to do here? List the verbs in this verse.

Knowing where you need to go and focusing your attention towards that goal is useless if you never move your feet. It calls for **action**. The word for *mark out a straight path* literally means *to dig through, to straighten out, to make level, or to prepare a road*. This takes good planning with action.

9. In what areas of your life do you need the counsel of verses 25-27? How can your group help you do this? What are you willing to do to help straighten out (or make level) someone else's path?
10. *Read Proverbs 4:27*. What is Solomon telling us to do? How are *Proverbs 4:23* and *4:27* linked?
11. Why is it important for all of us to do constant **course corrections** in our lives?
12. What course corrections do you need to make in your life today that will point you in the right direction so that you will end up at your desired destination?

THINK ABOUT IT

Just having good information isn't enough to arrive at your desired destination. If that was so, smart people would never make dumb decisions. But it happens all the time. Information alone isn't enough to cause you to arrive at a desired destination. It wasn't for Solomon. And it's not for us.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What plans will you put in place to insure that God's Word will penetrate your heart? What plans will you implement to make sure you act on God's Word? How can this group help you with your plans?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs 4:23