"The Path of the Righteous … Shines Brighter"

Opening words: We have before us Solomon’s sincere and loving appeal where he taught and exhorted his son in _____________ that he may think and live according to godliness, experiencing the wondrous joys of wisdom. And since Solomon wrote as God the Holy Spirit breathed out these Words, as here recorded in the pages of Scripture, we comprehend that this is our Heavenly _____________ Words ___ ___ whom He adopted into His household.

A. Having exhorted us to ______ the ______ of wisdom, which is the ancient unchanging path of life and success, we come to the 14th verse where our Father suddenly, in a rapid fire succession of prohibitions, tells us of the dark _______- that must be _____________ altogether.

I. Wisdom _______________ to go the way of ______ doers.

   A. Church! Father says that we should _____ even so much as _______ the path of the wicked.

      1. Concerning the path of the wicked and the way of ______ men: avoid it, do not ______ _, turn away from it, pass on!

      2. ______ should we decline to enter the path of the wicked, refusing to proceed in the way of evil men? Because they are so vile that they cannot sleep unless they work evil, wickedness is their food and violence their drink. Look out! They are so permeated by their sin that if you do not avoid them they will ________________ you and God’s wrath will be wrath upon you also. Wisdom says, “Avoid such men!”

II. Wisdom recognizes that there are only ______ ______ for men to travel. There is the path of the righteous and there is the way of the wicked.

   A. The path of the righteous is like the ______ of the dawn: the path is known and revealed making _______ the steps of the wise. But the way of the wicked is like the __________ of night, where blindness prevails and fools carry on ____________ about.
B. If God has given you ears to _______ then incline your ear to His Wisdom and do what is wise. If God has given you eyes to ____ then do not let the wisdom of God out of your sight but do what is wise. Hear His wisdom, see His wisdom, and ______ wisdom rooted deep in your heart.

C. ___________ _________ are life to those who find them! They are health to our entire body. Therefore, we must watch over our heart, guarding it with all diligence, for from it flows the springs of ________!

1. Therefore, precious soul, _________ your _________ above all that you guard. Put your priority here! Guard your heart by keeping it on God’s good path of wisdom!

   a. _____ _______ deceit and that which is deviant.

   b. Look to _________ and Him _________, fixing your eyes on the Author and Perfecter of your faith.

   c. Watch the path of your feet, carefully observing wisdom and __________ _____ that it is on her sure path that you skillfully place your feet. And if we will _________ the path of our feet then our ways will be established.

   d. Do not turn away from wisdom, neither to the right or the left, for any deviation from wisdom’s established straight and narrow path is to turn to evil. ______ your foot ______ ________! This is the wisdom of all-wise God.

Closing words: ____________ today who you will serve. Choose the dark path of the fool and die a fool’s death, or choose the bright and shining path of righteous wisdom and share in the life of ______.

“When we walk with the Lord, in the light of ______ ________, what a glory He sheds on our way. While we do His good will, He abides with us still, with all who will trust and obey! ______ and obey, for there’s no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and ________.”

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