

Proverbs 4:20-27

STAYING The Course of Faithfulness

20 My son, give attention to my words;

Keep adjusting your life

Listen —

follow —

Incline your ear to my sayings.

listen

21 Do not let them depart from your sight;

watch

keep the word central

Keep them in the midst of your heart.

keep

22 For they are life to those who find them

obedience is how a life should be lived

And health to all their body.

So guard and protect your relationship to God

23 Watch over your heart with all diligence,

For from it flow the springs of life.

all of life springs from your heart and how you relate to God's word

Don't follow the "easy way" and criminal way --

24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth

And put devious speech far from you.

There is always a temptation from the dark side...

Stay the path all the way to the end.

25 Let your eyes look directly ahead

Don't be seduced or distracted

And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you.

Don't wander
Don't backslide

26 Watch the path of your feet

and enjoy success and the blessing of God

And all your ways will be established.

Beware of the first inclination to wander

27 Do not turn to the right nor to the left;

Turn your foot from evil.