

10 Ways to Win as a Man

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Week 2: A Man & His Path (Part 1)

“Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way. For they cannot rest until they do evil; they are robbed of sleep till they make someone stumble. They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble. My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words; Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the[a] paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.” **Proverbs 4:14-27**

Every man would be good to consider two things when it comes to his path of life:

- God’s Powerful Authority: He’s in charge whether we act like it or not and sometimes we won’t be excited about this if we are experiencing the difficulty of disobedience and submission.
 - Inspiration
 - Be inspired by His authority for what He wants to do in your life! Who God says He is, Who He has been, and Who He will be in your life.
 - Integrity
 - He’s always right and He never makes a mistake. We can trust in God’s sovereignty over our life.
 - Incarnational Life
 - Living out the Word of God
 - **James 1:22** *But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*
 - Ask yourself the question, is the truth of His Word being transferred to my life? And not only is that truth being transferred to my life but other lives around me?
 - The personified, living form, life, manifestation – of Christ in and through me. **People see Jesus and not me.**
- Our Personal Accountability
 - **Romans 10:14**, ... *For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*
 - Every believer will stand before God and have to give a report of my life to God.
 - Acknowledge and live with Him as a constant presence, living with Him. Get in the Word of God, allow the Word to be buried in your heart, and let the Spirit lead you in your life vs. you leading your life.

The 5 Focuses of a Man & His Path (First 2)

1. A Clean Heart

- The heart must be right if the life is to be right.
 - The word “heart” has been used for centuries to describe the core starting place of all your thoughts, beliefs, values, motives, and convictions.
 - **Proverbs 4:23**, *Keep your heart with all diligence, For everything you do flows from it.*
- The heart determines who we are and therefore what we do. It is the most important part of who you are.

- **Proverbs 23:7**, *For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.*
- It is the center of your being, it is where the “real you” resides... your heart
 - The “real you” is foolish.
 - **Proverbs 28:26**, *He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.*
 - The “real you” is unreliable.
 - **Hebrews 3:12**, *Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;*
 - The “real you” is corrupt and the truth is our hearts are basically selfish and sinful.
 - **Jeremiah 17:9**, *"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"*
 - **Matthew 15:19**, *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.*
- The cure for our heart's condition is to truly seek the Lord
 - **Deut. 4:29**, *But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.*
 - **Psalms 51:10**, *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.*
 - **Psalms 37:4**, *Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.*

2. A Cautious Mouth

Proverbs 4:24, *Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you.*

Matthew 15:18-19, *But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.*

- Just for the record, the Bible mentions many kinds of tongues:
 - a flattering tongue (Psalm 5:9)
 - a proud tongue (Psalm 12:3; 73:9)
 - a lying tongue (Psalm 109:2; Prov. 6:17)
 - a deceitful tongue (Psalm 120:2)
 - a perverted tongue (Prov. 10:31; 17:20)
 - a soothing tongue (Prov. 15:4)
 - a healing tongue (Prov. 12:18)
 - a destructive tongue (Prov. 17:4)
 - a mischievous and wicked tongue (Psalm 10:7)
 - a soft tongue (Prov. 25:15)
 - a backbiting tongue (Prov. 25:23)

Proverbs 21:23, *Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles.*

Matthew 12:36-37, *But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*

Psalms 141:3, *Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.*

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 *Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice is known by his many words. When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed— Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands? For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear God.*

Psalms 19:14, *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer."*

“By examining the tongue of a patient, physicians find out the diseases of the body, philosophers find out the diseases of the mind, and Christians find out the diseases of the soul.” -- **Justin Martyr**