**As for me and my house – Pro. 4:11-12**

**Focal Truth: Godly parents walk on the path of life & teach their children to follow**

 **the path of life**

What kind of lifestyle are you modeling for your children & grandchildren?

Do your children know that you are following a path that is life – giving?

Are you children following you on the same life-path that you on?

As parent are you encouraging your children to live for Jesus Christ & follow Him on the path of life?

**Observations**

1. **Godly parents on the path of life lead & guide their children to enter the path of life 4:11 - 12**

*I have directed you in the way of wisdom, I have led you in upright paths*

1. David taught Solomon the truths about the path that leads to life

Pr. 4:3 – *when I was a son to my father, tender and the only son in the sight of my mother, then he taught me, and said, let your heart hold fast my words, keep my commandments and live*

* Acquire wisdom & understanding from God’s word – 4:5
* Never forsake the God’s word – 4:6
* God’s word will stay in your mind as you remember it – 4:6
* God’s word will honor & bless those who live by it – 4:8 -9
1. The path of life leads to years of life that becomes eternal life – 4:10

*Hear my son, and accept my sayings and the years of your life will be many*

1. The way of wisdom promises many years of life on earth

Fearing the Lord

Avoiding the enticements of sinners

Trusting in the Lord

Treasure God’s Word

Treating others fairly

1. Godly parents lead their children to the straight – righteous path of life

*I have led you in the upright paths…*

upright = straightness, evenness, righteous

Pr. 14:2 – *he who walks in his uprightness fears the Lord*

1. The Lord Jesus calls for all to enter the narrow way that leads to life through HIm

Matt. 7:14 – *for the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it*

1. **Godly parents on the path of life warn their children to avoid the path of the wicked 4:13 - 14**

*Do not enter the path of the wicked and do not proceed in the way of evil men. Avoid it, do not pass by it, turn away from it & pass on.*

1. The wicked live to cause others to sin with them – 4:16
2. The wicked consume wickedness & violence - 4:17
3. The way of the wicked is darkness – 4:19
4. The Lord Jesus warns of the broad way of the wicked that leads to death

Matt 7:13 – *for the gate is wide and the way broad that leads to destruction & many there are many who enter through it*

1. **Godly parents on the path of life describe the beauties on the path of life to their children 4:18**

*The path of the righteous is a light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day*

1. Walking on the path of life is a clear path from obstructions – 4:12

*When you walk, your steps will not be impeded…*

1. Walking on the path of life is a smooth path preventing stumbling – 4:12

*if you run, you will not stumble…*

1. Walking on the path of life is a directed path showing the way to life – 4:13

*take hold of instruction, do not let do not let it go, guard her, for she is your life*

1. Waling on the path of life is a lighted path leading to the perfect day of eternal life – 4:18

*the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter & brighter until the full day*

* Gospel light is growing light – always walking in the sunrise of God’s light till the perfect day of heavenly light
* Gospel light is lasting light
* Gospel light is permanent light
* Gospel light is life-giving light
* Gospel light is Jesus Christ the source of light

**Things to Remember**

1. Only godly parents on the path of life can lead their children to the path of life
2. Godly parents never stop warning their children to avoid the bypath of wickedness while they walk on the path of life
3. Godly parents describe the beauties of the path of life to their children
4. Oh, the blessing of godly families walking together on the path of life headed for heaven!

**Daily Use – Family Challenges**

1. As a parent believe in the Lord Jesus Christ & follow Him on the path of life!
2. Take a hike with your children & talk about the importance of staying on the path in order to get to the destination
3. Talk about Jesus Christ the source of light for the world
4. Talk about the darkness of sin like the darkness of night & the brightness of noon as the promise of permanent heavenly

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