**FAMILY WISDOM**

**PART 5: PROTECTING MYSELF**

**June 28, 2020**

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7 (NIV)

**TWO PATHS**

“The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.” Proverbs 4:18 (NIV)

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“Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.”

 Proverbs 2:9 (NIV)

“But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.”

 Proverbs 4:19 (NIV)

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“So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows.” Isaiah 59:9 (NIV)

“They know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.” Psalm 82:5 (NIV)

“Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.”

 John 3:18-21 (NIV)

**EVALUATING MY PATH**

“My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely 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.” Proverbs 4:20-22 (NIV)

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: WHAT AM I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO?**

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.” II Timothy 4:2-4 (NIV)

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“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: WHAT’S THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OF MY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**

“As water reflects the face, so one’s life reflects the heart.” Proverbs 27:19 (NIV)

“If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God have discovered it, since He knows the secrets of the heart?” Psalm 44:20-21 (NIV)

“I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.” Psalm 119:11 (NIV)

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“Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.”

 Proverbs 4:24 (NIV)

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: WHAT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AM I USING?**

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

 Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

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“Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.” Proverbs 4:25 (NIV)

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: WHAT AM I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AT?**

“’The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!’” Matthew 6:22-23 (NIV)

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“Give careful thought to the 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 4:26-27 (NIV)

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: WHAT’S THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OF MY LIFE?**

“So be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left.” Deuteronomy 5:32 (NIV)

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**NEXT STEPS**

1. **Continue in the GNG 31-Day Proverbs Challenge.**
2. **Sign-up for our Baptism Celebration on July 12th on our online CONNECT Card or call/email the Church Office at:**

**937-393-5383**

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1. **GET Started LIFE Group begins on July 12th. This three-week group will help you get started on the basic beliefs of Christianity and help you connect with your GNG Family. Check “GET Started” on your CONNECT Card if you are interested.**
2. **Picnic On The Patio will be held immediately after second service on Sunday, July 19th. Check “Picnic On The Patio” on your CONNECT Card if you are interested.**