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ON THE HOME FRONT

Proverbs 4

- ¹Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.
- ² For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.
- ³ For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.
- ⁴He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.
- ⁵Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.
- 6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.
- 7Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
- 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.
- ⁹She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.
- ¹⁰ Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.
- ¹¹ I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.
- ¹²When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou r runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
- ¹³ Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.
- ¹⁴ Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.
- ¹⁵ Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.
- ¹⁶ For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.
- ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸ But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
- 19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.
- ²⁰ My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
- ²¹ Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart
- ²² For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
- ²³ Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.
- ²⁴ Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.
- ²⁵ Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
- ²⁶ Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.
- ²⁷ Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

RON'S REMINDERS



Does It Really Make Any Diff rence?

Does it really make any difference what we believe and practice in religion?

Consider five key passages:

Jesus commanded followers to teach new disciples "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). How many things could be left out and still fulfill this command? Would seventy-five percent or even ninety percent qualify for "all things"? Surely the goal of every church should be to teach one hundred percent of Christ's doctrine.

Jesus once gave a sobering preview of Judgment Day: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Claiming allegiance is insufficient. Saying is no substitute for obeying. How much of God's will can be rejected and still meet the standard of doing the Father's will? Will one gamble his soul that God did not mean what He said in "this verse," or that we can omit "that practice" because it does not fit our preferences or modern culture?

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Since only the truth sets free, how much error can be mixed with it before it ceases to invigorate and liberate? Can we mix God's doctrine and man's doctrines in equal amounts? (cf. Mark 7:7–8). No, the only safe percentage is all of God's doctrine, and none of man's. The devil added only one word to God's original command (Genesis 3:3–4), but it ruined Eve. Rat poison is deadly although it is ninety-nine percent wheat and only one percent poison.

Paul wrote, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:6–8). Different "gospels" bring a curse. Christ's gospel saves (Romans 1:16); no other message can (Acts 4:12; John 14:6).

The Bible's final warning says: "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life" (Revelation 22:18–19). In light of this, should we add new doctrines today? Is it safe to omit what the Holy Spirit included?

It really does make a difference. Pilate's advice is still worth following: "Make it as sure as ye can" (Matthew 27:65).

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