Proverbs chapter 4. Proverbs chapter 4.
Well, I'm glad y'all like the rain because my wife
loathes the dark and the rain. It is my favorite
time of the year. We have turned the clocks back.
That means it's hunting season.
But my wife will be in four months of depression
until things lighten up again. Proverbs chapter 4. Good to see everybody back here.
Bear with me for just a minute.
Proverbs chapter 4. We're going to begin reading
in verse number 1 and read all 27 verses tonight.
I don't know if your Bible has it or not.
Remember that a lot of these things are added.
They're not bad at all. But subtitles, things at the very
top of your page, headings, helps us maybe to
understand a little bit of the theme or what a
certain section is about. This portion of this
chapter 4 in my Bible is titled The Instructions of a Father.
And that's the best title that I can
come up with. That's certainly fitting for this
passage of Scripture. Tonight I want to share with
you on that thought of the instructions of a father.
Not me being a father, you being a father, but our
heavenly father, our heavenly father, through the father
David, through the father Solomon, now Solomon to his son.
But Proverbs chapter 4, verse number 1, it says,
Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father.
And attend to no understanding.
For I give you good doctrine.
Forsake ye not my law.
For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.
He taught me also, and said unto me,
Let thine heart retain my words, keep my commandments, and live.
Get wisdom, get understanding.
Forget it not, neither decline from the words of my mouth.
Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee.
Love her, and she shall keep thee.
Wisdom is the principal thing.
Therefore, get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding.
Exalt her, and she shall promote thee.
She shall bring thee to honor when thou dost embrace her.
She shall give to thine head an ornament of
grace, a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.
Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of thy life shall be many.
I have taught thee in the way of wisdom.
I have led thee in the right paths.
When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straightened.
And when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

Take fast hold of instruction.
Let her not go.
Keep her, for she is thy life.
Verse 14, he says,
Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.
Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.
For they sleep not, except they have done mischief.
And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.
For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
But, verse 18,
But the path of the just is as the shining light,
that shineth more and more into the perfect day.
The way of the wicked is as darkness.
They know not at what they stumble.
My son, attend to my words, incline thine ear to my sayings.
Let them not depart from thy eyes.
Keep them in the midst of thine heart.
For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.
If you want to underline one verse in this chapter to me, this may be the one.
Verse 23,
Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.
Put away from thee a forward mouth and perverse lips put far from thee.
Let thine eyes look right on, and let thy eyelids look straight before thee.
Ponder the path of thy feet, and all thy ways be established.
Turn not to the right hand, nor to the left.
Remove thy foot from evil.
Let's pray.
Father, we thank you again for the blessing of
another day, and the opportunity to be in your house.
God, I pray tonight that these instructions, Lord, that began with you,
and you alone, that were passed down to your adopted heavenly sons.
Lord, it's passed down to us through your word.
Lord, they may find a true lodging place in our
hearts, that we may attend to your words of wisdom,
that we may walk in these steps.
Lord, for our good and for your glory,
for the benefit of our homes, the benefit of this church,
for the advancement of your kingdom.
Lord, to keep us from evil,
from the things that harm us.
God, we ask that you take your words tonight.
You use it.
Lord, in Jesus' name I pray.
Amen.
And amen.
Again, the heading under my Bible is listed as the instructions of a father.

I think I may have spent more time in Proverbs in
the last week than I have in the last few years,
and I've sort of been reintroduced into just how personal this book is,
of a father writing to his son,
of God speaking to his children,
and all the practical aspects of areas of life
that this father is giving in his instructions to us.
But I love what he says here in verses number one through four.
I'm going to read all these verses again as we go through this.
Again, what God's word has to say is far better than anything I have to say.
Verse one through four says,
Hear ye, children,
the instructions of a father,
and attend to no understanding.
For I give you good doctrine,
forsake ye not my law.
For I was my father's son,
tender and only beloved,
in the sight of my mother.
He taught me also,
and said unto me,
Let thine heart retain my words,
keep my commandments,
and live.
I love what he said,
that I give you good doctrine.
Every father is teaching his son.
Every mother is teaching his son.
Every father is teaching his daughter.
Every mother is teaching their daughter.
Unfortunately, it's not always good doctrine.
Doctrine simply means teaching.
What his father is telling him, he's laying this out.
What I'm laying out for you,
it's helpful,
it's not harmful.
It's good,
it's not bad.
And here he reflects back at the time of his own life.
He said, I too.
He said, For I was my father's son,
tender and only beloved,
in the sight of my mother.
And he taught me also.
This grabbed me this afternoon.
Folks, I believe everything that we need
to find God,

to know God,
to serve God,
to worship God,
we find in the word of God.
We will not find every answer to every question that we have,
but we do have everything that we need
in the word of God.
That being said, we do not have everything there is or everything there was.
In the gospel of John,
I believe it's the 20th chapter of John,
John's speaking about the works of Jesus, and he made this statement.
He said, I suppose that if everything were written down,
I'm paraphrasing this first,
if everything were written down that Jesus said or did in all of his acts,
that even the whole world itself
could not contain the books that should be written.
In other words, you have some specific things here that were ordained by God
in order that you may believe,
but you don't have everything that he did.
And here, Solomon is referencing a time
between him and his father.
Can you just imagine the conversations had
between King David
and young Solomon?
of David sitting down in his wisdom
and teaching his son and speaking to his son.
This man,
after God's own heart,
maybe sitting down in the pasture,
I don't know, sitting down in the palace,
I don't know,
but them having a conversation about the deep things and the spiritual things.
And imagine the things that David could have said.
I don't know all that David said.
The scripture doesn't tell us all that David said.
But I did begin to think about this a little bit today.
There are some R-rated scenes in David's life.
I say that to say this.
Folks, there is no need
for us to share
every deep,
dark,
secret,
and vile thing that we have done with our children.
But we do need to share everything that they need to know.
The pulpit isn't a place for us to stand and lay out every vile thing
that we have done.

And perhaps at times I have been too open with my children
about some of the things that occurred in my life.
But I've not shared everything that has occurred because quite frankly
there's no need for them to know that.
But I have to care about them enough
to go listen I can see David telling Solomon listen I have stepped here
don't step there.
I have tasted this over here you don't need
to taste that over there.
I've done this here and I've done that over there.
And I've felt the pain of this and I have felt the pain of that.
But I just thought
it was quite interesting that Solomon could look back and go
that I too was also taught of my father and the good doctrine
that he's sharing with me son I want to share with you.
The good doctrine that God is sharing with David
Solomon he's sharing with us.
I love what he says here in the beginning of verse number 5.
He says in all you're getting and Solomon got a lot.
He was a man of extreme wealth of popularity.
But he says in all you're getting make sure you get wisdom.
He says verse 5
forget wisdom
and with all thy getting get understanding.
exalt her and she shall bring thee to honor when thou dost embrace her.
She shall give to thine hand an ornament of grace a crown of glory
shall she deliver to thee.
Folks the appeal of this father
is so sincere and it's so focused.
Again this is David
speaking to his son
this is Solomon
speaking to his son this is God
speaking to us and Solomon is saying to his son no matter what else
you get or attain in this life get wisdom.
Get wisdom.
Get wisdom.
And it says and when you get it look what he says
don't forsake her
and she'll preserve you.
Love her
and she will keep thee.
Exalt her
and she'll promote thee.
What really grabbed me is this godly wisdom I mean it is
a multi-faceted treasure.
It'll protect a man and it'll promote a man.

It'll guard a man and it'll add life to his man.
Again what is wisdom?
It is not actually knowledge it's not intellect
it's not all those things
it's how a man
applies the knowledge that he has in particular the knowledge of God
and I've said this many times before
and I feel led to say it again tonight
we need to learn all that we can about the God in this book
and we learn about God through this book.
We learn through the spirit of God but folks we'd be far better off to know
John 3 16
and embrace it with our whole heart than to be able
to quote every king
in chronological order and not know the God behind it.
So brother Johnny it's the wisdom that God has
given us the knowledge that he has given us
that I take this and I guard it and I treasure it and I keep it
and it finds a lodging place in my life and
Solomon writes when you do this it will protect you
when you do this it will add to you
a father speaking to his son
folks this was a father
this was a heading I gave myself
again in verse 10
this was a father that got it
a father that understood it look at verse 10
he says hear oh my son
and receive my sayings
hear oh my son and receive my sayings
and the years of thy life shall be many
I have taught thee in the way of wisdom I have led thee in the right path
when thou goest thy steps shall not be straightened and when thou runnest
thou shalt not stumble
take fast hold of instruction
let her not go keep her
for she is thy life again we find this appeal
that we are to pursue this we are to chase this
where does wisdom come from this wisdom comes
from God we find wisdom by pursuing God asking God
to give us what we need in life
to do what he's called us to do
and as God shines his light in our life we treasure it and we keep it
but I want to come in on verse number 10 which says hear oh my son
and receive my sayings
and the years of thy life shall be many
again this is where context is key and interpreting the Bible is key

this isn't a promise that a man that receives wisdom
will live to be the ripe old age of 90 or 100 or 85 what he's simply saying is this
that when a man receives wisdom
and he lives by godly wisdom
and he cherishes the instructions of God
it will aid his life it will help his life
it will be a healthier life
it will be a more peaceful life it will be a life that is surrendered to the Lord
under the yoke of wisdom
as a part to the painful life that it is a better life
and I think science itself would appeal to that there is a way to cut our life short
living opposed to wisdom and doing those things
that are contrary to wisdom
again it isn't a promise
of long long age but it is a promise
of a longer and better and healthier life
but I love verse 11
he says I have taught thee in the way of wisdom I have led thee in the right path
now Eric here's what grabbed me this was Solomon
writing to his son
this would be like you sitting down with your boys
and honestly being able to say sons
I have taught you
in the right way
and I have led you
in the right path
Eric the only way
you're going to be able to say that
is if you have taught them
in the right way
and led them
in the right path
parents grandparents
there's no greater obligation
no greater duty we cannot make
listen I struggle to make my own decisions we cannot make our decisions
for our children they're going to make their own decisions they all will
I had a friend of me this just come to my mind
there's a guy I used to travel with a lot
and he was one of these guys
who I don't know what his IQ was I mean he was
super super super duper intelligent but man
he was just
and we could talk together
but we were so far from one another
when it comes to the Lord and it comes to Christianity
and what it was all about

and I remember him telling me he said I want
my child to make up her own mind
I said she will
what you're saying is you don't want to influence her
can I tell you she's going to be influenced
it's not a question
whether our children are going to be influenced
they will be influenced
our responsibility is to be the greater influence to be a father
that can look to our son and go Lord
son I've not only taught you
the right things to do
but I've led you
in the path to go this was a daddy who understood
this and he got it but look here in verse number 14 he continues on
he moves past this wisdom and when you get it
don't flee from it don't reject it don't set it aside cherish it keep it
but he says in verse 14
enter not into the path of the wicked and go not in the way of evil men
avoid it
pass not by it turn from it
and pass away
for they sleep not
except they have done mischief
and their sleep is taken away unless they cause some to fall
for they eat the bread of wickedness and they drink the wine of violence
I was reading this
chapter this afternoon and I was reminded
of something I heard Mitzi say years and years ago
and she always tells me I took it out of context I
don't really remember the context in which she said it
but I remember saying one day that love
is an action
it's more than just a feeling
feelings come and feelings go
but true love real love is an action
real love
helps
it heals
it appeals
it comforts
but I think a lot of times what we miss folks
is that love
true love warns
and this is a father
warning his son the message is verse 14 15
he's talking about the way of the wicked the

path of evil man he says do not even get close
to their path
stay away from the gate avoid
the area
entirely
don't dabble in it don't get close to it don't
check it out and see how bad it is he says no you completely
I'm warning you son there is wisdom
says in verse I think it's chapter 2 wisdom chapter 1
wisdom
crieth in the streets her voice is ringing out she's speaking she's speaking
she's appealing but at the same time
there is another voice there is another pull there is another
thing out there and it's the way of evil and wicked men and he's saying
don't you even go down that street at all
avoid it entirely
son
look what he says in verse number 16
this is a metaphor I mean it's not a literal
literal it is it is a metaphor a description
of how evil works and how evil
men and seducers work it says for they sleep not except they have done mischief
in other words they can't get any rest
and folks there are people that way
they can't get any rest at all
until they find something wicked to get into
and their sleep is taken away
unless they cause some to fall
they can't rest and not only are they down but they bring someone else down with them
it says for they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence
Matthew he's warning
young Jack to not be deceived
he's warning his daddy to not be deceived
and Andrew when young Dean begins to get old enough to understand it's not just
enough to provide a roof over that young man's head and a car for him to drive
and food to eat but you teach him about a God and
I'm fixing to get emotional about a God in heaven
who created him
before this world was made he knew
Andrew and Hannah were going to be husband and wife and he was going to
make that beautiful little baby boy
that was made in the image of God and there's a God in heaven
that created him
that loves him that knows what's best for him
that died on a cross to save him
and your greatest duty as a father
is to teach him about this God to love him to serve him and respect him

and the only way to know him is to fall down before him and you appeal before him
son get wisdom get wisdom get understanding
know this God treasure him keep him walk in his way walk in his path and by all means
Matthew you tell Jack avoid the way of evil man they
will not sleep until they bring you down with them
this is deep stuff but this is the reality of the days that Solomon lived
this is the reality that David walked in this is the reality that Samson walked in
this is the reality that every man that's ever lived has walked in and it's a reality
that hasn't changed and our defense against this is God and the wisdom of God
but boy it gets personal
Randy when you think about talking about it with your kids and with your son
and God speaking to us
and notice here verse number 18
folks there is the distinct
and notable difference in the way of the wicked
in the way of the just he says in verse 18
let's read verse 15 again avoid it pass not by it turn from it
and pass away for they sleep not except they have done mischief and their sleeping
is taken away unless they cause some to fall
for they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence
but
the path of the just is as the shining light
that shineth more and more into the perfect day
the way of the wicked is as darkness
they know not at what they stumble
church we know that we know this but we need to be reminded of this
there is one and there is only one
that can truly see the state of a man's soul
at the end of the day
and this isn't this isn't egotistical or arrogant at all
it's just a fact
at the end of the day the only person that I can tell you that I know for a fact
that this church has been saved is the man that's preaching to you
now I got a hunch about a lot of you
a good hunch
but I can't see my wife's soul
I can't see I can't see that I don't have the ability to see that and no one
has the ability to see that and there is only one who has the right
to judge a man's soul but I want to tell you that man
is the God man the Lord Jesus Christ
he can see the soul
and he will judge the soul but folks we look
at this passage of scripture we look at life
there is a clearly noticeable distinct difference
to any man that is willing to open his eyes
between the path of the just and the way of the wicked

and it is not judgmental to point that out it's a work of wisdom to recognize
the way of the path of the just and the way of the wicked look at verse 18
the path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more
into the perfect day the way of the wicked is as darkness
they know not at what they stumble I'm not being legalistic and I'm not being
pharisaical I cannot see another man's soul
I cannot judge his eternal condemnation or salvation
but God gave me eyes to see
and he gave me wisdom in my heart and he gave me a word to go by
that I can look in a tree and I can examine fruit I can look at a path
and I can determine is that a dark path or is that a light path which way
are them people going which way are those people going which way is that crowd headed
which way is that crowd headed are they headed toward death or are they headed
toward life are they living in the light or are they living in darkness and I have a
responsibility as a child of God to choose wisely not only do I have a responsibility
as a child of God to choose wisely
I have a responsibility as a preacher of God to tell you to choose wisely Matthew
you choose wisely teach Jack to choose wisely Randy you choose wisely Michael
you choose wisely because there is a noticeable difference between the two
noticeable difference
and we ought not fool ourselves into believing that a man who walks in the way
of darkness and drinks the wine
of violence
is somehow on the right path and has been
saved because he had an emotional experience
30 years ago that ain't Bible folks
it ain't scripture it ain't the truth
can a good man fall yeah he can fall David fell the man that wrote this book
of C.S.
Lewis a slippery slope to nothing
it's amazing how fast
and how slow
a good man can get caught up in corrupt things
and we can fall really
really hard
but man you know man's a man of God when he gets back up
David said restoring to me the joy
of my salvation the bone which you have broken I acknowledge my sins of thee purge me
with his so that I may be clean the end
of Ecclesiastes Solomon writes let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter
fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man Solomon had to
confess you know what my heart got drawn away I forsook wisdom and I paid the price
for it but folks we gotta recognize there is a right way and there is a wrong way
there is a wise way and there is a foolish way there is a light way and there is
a dark way and we owe it to ourselves we owe it to
our family most of all we owe it to the glory of God
to mark those things to notice those things

and to shun those ways that aren't in line
with the word of God and the will of God
I love verse 1
though verse 2 it says I give you good doctrine
I give you good doctrine
and all you're getting get wisdom and all you're getting get understanding
I have taught thee in the way of wisdom I have led thee in the right path
this morning concerning the wicked
they don't sleep
they don't sleep
I don't live in fear I honestly do not sometimes ignorance is bliss
I don't worry about the
I don't I don't there's things I don't worry about
I'm not worried about the next world war I'm not worried about somebody pushing a button and blowing this whole thing up I'm not worried about the stock market crashing I'm not worried about any of those things
and I also don't worry so much I hear this so often the devil is really just working on me the devil is attacking the devil is attacking the devil is attacking listen
greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world
that's what the Bible says
but I am sober and I am aware that my enemy is a roaring lion seeking me to devour
that there is an adversary
and that one of the things that he would long to do and would love to do
is to get God's people
forsaking wisdom
Jeremiah would have said this morning it's not in man to direct his steps
it's not in man to walk in the right way
that we begin to act foolishly instead of wisely
we begin to do the wrong thing instead of the right thing and that's when Satan does get a foothold and before we know it we find no rest we find no rest and there are people out there who would long to see nothing more than the church of God fall the man of God fall families to fall and we got to be aware of that it's a fact
it's a fact
there's a distinct and notable difference in the
way of the wicked and I want to look at verse 23 23
I wrote in my notes
the top priority
of all that he said of all that he wrote written here in chapter 4
he began to address him he says my son
attend to my words and climb thy ear unto my sayings let them not depart from thine eyes keep them in the midst of thy heart for they are life
unto those that find them and health to all their flesh
verse 23
keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life
this morning we looked at Proverbs chapter 3
we need the Lord to direct our steps we need him to guide us
we look at that passage of scripture

it says trust in the Lord with all thy heart lean not into thy own understanding
and all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths these are verbs
these are words of actions we we find we find in chapter 2
when he says receive my words hide my commandments and climb thy ear apply thy heart
cry up lift up seek us up search us over
we find that God is the giver of wisdom God is the one that directs our path but it's
impossible to read all we've read in Proverbs and
not see the great responsibility that rests upon men
why is he given these instructions
I didn't know I was going to say this way
Mitzi was a teacher for 20 something 30
something years Debra you was a teacher for 30 20
something years you would give children
instructions
steps
they weren't given
just so they would know them
they would give them so they would do them
that all this is written not just to get say we can look at wisdom the wrong way
isn't he just so wise no a man that is wise he takes what is given to him and now he
applies this thing he applies this thing he
puts all of this stuff to work and that's
what he says here that's where he's going to
heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life the top priority keep
thy heart with all diligence folks that word
diligence is huge I looked it up today in the Hebrew
and it doesn't mean what we think it means
I think the word diligent I mean hard working that type of thing
it's literally the word for a jail
a prison
or a guard house
a place of confinement
Solomon's writing to his son God is speaking
to me and he wants me to realize the picture
that at all cost above all things you take that area of your life you take your heart
and you make sure that it is secure I mean you lock it up in solitary confinement you
put it in a prison you put it in a guard house you make sure that nothing no nothing
not her not it not money not false teaching not anything else can get to that heart
and infect that heart and influence that heart
why
look what it says
keep that heart with our diligence for out of it are the
issues of life what does that mean that our
heart is the well through which everything else
flows look look at it like a whale what is our heart
not this muscle in our chest send me the real you
that inner part of you that determines what you are and determines what you do that

internal being that inner being that spirit being inside of you that that is what
that
influences all that comes out of it and Solomon is
writing to his son he says son when that whale is poisoned
what it produces is poisoned
when that whale is infected
what it produces is infected
when that whale is corrupted
what it produces is corrupted
oh how important it is
that we guard our hearts
that we keep our hearts
how how
do we keep our heart very briefly I think Solomon
gives us some answers here in these last four verses
he says put away from thee a forward mouth and perverse lips put far from thee
let thine eyes look right on and let the eyelids look straight before thee
ponder the path of thy feet and let all thy ways be
established turn not to the right hand nor to the left
remove thy foot from evil how do we guard our hearts
number one verse 24
put away the forward mouth and perverse lips
I hate discrimination when it comes to racial divide wealth divide when it comes to
what we hear and what we listen to we are to be discriminant people
we are to discriminate
the words that I listen to the things that I allow to
come into my mind what I allow to come into my home
put those things well man preachy maybe you know I mean you may
you know label this or whatever
label me whatever you want to because I can't allow this to get poisoned
I can't allow it to be corrupted
that we're to be discriminated you know what that means some of us need to be able to
cut some ties with some people that's got a
bug in our ear
everybody has something to say
how about I got on a kick this afternoon I'm going to go ahead and get on it
saw something on social media
pastors make
six figures a year and there's this article
about what pastors should make this and that and the other and I told Missy I said
I just wish it was legal for people to even be able to post such nonsense
Missy said how does that benefit the kingdom of God it don't
it's divisive
it's nonsense
it ain't the world's business
it's got nothing to do with any of that listen if the preacher can't pay his bills
he's struggling to eat how about pay him does he

need to live like a millionaire nope he needs to live
like everybody else that's my take on it
but so many things won't buy our attention they won't buy our attention
and get in the food and Simon says
just put away those
just put those things away from you because they're
the poison you the poison you the poison you
take that heart of yours
and just lock it up
lock it up in prison
that's verse 24
look at verse 25
let thine eyes look right on
let thine eyelids
look straight before thee
brother Arthur you know what that means
you stay focused
on the glory of God
and his call on your life
how do I guide my heart
I discriminate when it comes to what I hear
there's some people you don't get room in my head
you don't get a voice you don't get a vote
you don't get any influence at all
but my goal
God's goal for me
is for me to put blinders on
I'm to keep my eyes focused forward my eyes focused forward my eyes focused forward
and that is on the God that saved me
why he saved me has called on me for this life and that I focus on those things
and I look upon those things and I put away the
distracted things in turn I'm beginning to guard
my heart
I'm going to go here
all of us have struggles
by the way y'all
if we stay in the book of Proverbs we're going to get
into some stuff
and you may have to go home and explain some of it to your kids
and I'll handle it as gingerly as I possibly can
but I'm not going to dodge any of it
I ain't
I was telling Mitzi the other day there's a
gas station that I stop at every
couple times a week
and I love going in there
ladies in there just as sweet

and nice and you know you go to some places you act like
you're bothering them because you order a biscuit and
but they're the exact opposite you know
they'll put you a smiley face on paper and all those types of things
some of them could dress a little better
but I say a little better
but a little more modestly
I said you know what I've got Mitzi and this ain't to brag on me
I said I'm going to tell you what I do
I put my biscuit up and I just turn my head
I get my money and I'm like
well ain't you good preacher no I'm just telling you I've learned
that if I'm going to stay on the goal I better keep my eyes focused on the goal
and I can't afford to get distracted by looking at anyone
amen keep your eyes in your own lane
keep your eyes in your own lane
but it's true with all type of things
we can get our eyes over in the money lane we can get our eyes
over in the popularity lane we can get our eyes over in the political lane
we can get our eyes in all different types of lane but what he's saying
is just keep your eyes straight ahead son keep your eyes straight ahead
on the God that saved you why he saved you and the glory to God
take this wisdom
and you keep it and you treasure it and you guard it
she'll promote you she'll protect you she'll add ornaments to your head
she'll treat you right she'll treat you really really good
and stay away from the ways of the wicked
and you can tell what they look like
stay away from there
but he also says this
look at verse 26
again this is how to protect our heart
young ladies you take that heart
and you just lock it up and guard it
we're gonna get on this too
there's some things that it says in here
about the seductive woman
young men can be the most
seductive and evil things
on this side of the earth
you protect your heart
you know where I'm going
you guard your heart
and you do it
by keeping your eyes focused on the Lord and you realize what's right
and what's wrong the right way the wrong way
what God would desire

but look what it says here verse 26
ponder the path of thy feet
and let all thy ways be established
turn not to the right hand or to the left
remove thy foot from evil
can I simplify this for you
what it simply means Robert Kelly
meditate on your walk
ponder look
ponder the path
of thy feet
meditate
on my walk how
is my walk how
am I walking
well one of the greatest obstacles in the church in our Christian life me and
I forgot Brittany's name Brittany's name
the wandering eye can be one of the most
convoluted things that there is you know the whole Martha Mary scenario
Martha's in there working
and I don't think Martha would have minded at all had she not had a wandering eye
saw Mary worshiping the Lord we can get so busy looking at everybody else's walk
that we get so messed up in our own walk that my God
meditate on my walk
and if it's right
if it's going right
don't take a right hand turn
don't take a left hand turn
just keep walking
just keep walking just keep walking
now if it's wrong
quickly take a left turn
take a right turn if you want to get us a song that's all that's on my heart
but folks there's so much here
the instructions of a father
I think a better title is instructions of the father
of the father let's pray heavenly good father we thank you
for your words of wisdom
for that you are a God
if we will learn not to rely upon ourself
if we will trust in you with all of our heart with all that we are
if we'll lie face down helpless before you
confident that our God
would keep us
Lord you will direct our steps you will aid us in our steps
you will carry us in our steps
but dear Lord you give us these instructions not to hear

not to learn
but to apply
to apply to apply to apply
and God may we grow in wisdom
Lord that we may walk in wisdom
in Jesus name we pray Amen let's stand 67