

- 3) When you get victory over an evil habit, you must replace it with a good habit.
- 4) Delight in God's word and meditate on it. (Psalms 1:2) *"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."*
- 5) Ask God to help you do good. (Psalms 119:133) *"Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me."*
- 6) Memorise Bible verses to help you do right. (Psalms 119:11) *"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."*

## 5. On the path of life, Seek to Find Peace Park *seek peace, and pursue it.*

### a. Peace is the absence of conflict

- 1) Peace is the opposite of an anger, irritation, fighting, yelling and arguing.
- 2) Peace is living without worry and anxiety.
- 3) Peace is calmness. It is quietness. It is mutual agreement or oneness. Peace comes when we seek forgiveness.

### b. Seek and chase after peace to catch it

- 1) Seek peace with God in your own heart. When you sin and turn down bad tongue bend, lying lips lane or do evil detour, confess it to God and change your ways.
- 2) Seek peace by giving your worries to God. (Philippians 4:6-7) *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*
- 3) Seek peace with family members. When you disobey or hurt someone, apologise and seek forgiveness. Then do something kind for them. (Romans 12:21) *"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."*

**Conclusion:** Review main points. To follow God's path to a good life, we must avoid the first three bad turns and follow the last two good roads. If you do not follow God's path, you will never enjoy God's closeness, blessings and answers to prayer. Stay on God's path!

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# God's Path to a Good Life

21 July 2019 PM - Psalm 34:11-15 - Family - Scott Childs

**Introduction:** (Draw a diagram) Our Bible verses tonight are addressed to children. David encouraged children to listen as he taught them the fear of the LORD, that is, how to live to please and honour God. He said, if you desire a good long life, you must fear the LORD. (Read text)

For those who learn to fear the LORD, He promises in verse 15 that God's eyes will watch over them and God will listen to their prayers.

**Transition:** Focus with me on verses 13-14 where David tells us **five instructions** we must obey in order to follow God's path to a good life.

## 1. On the path of life, Stay Away from Bad Tongue Bend *Keep thy tongue from evil,*

### a. Bad tongues says bad things

- 1) Bad tongues say unkind words. (Proverbs 18:21) *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue..."*
- 2) Bad tongues make rebellious comments. Bad tongues say "No!" when told to do something. Bad tongues talk bad about dad and mum. (Proverbs 20:20) *"Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness."*
- 3) Bad tongues curse and swear. Using God's say in any dishonouring way is swearing (e.g., O my \_\_\_\_). Using hell or damn for emphasis is cursing.
- 4) Bad tongues say bad things about others. (Proverbs 26:22) *"The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly."*

### b. Do not let your tongue say bad things

- 1) You may tame a bird or an animal, but you will never tame your tongue. (James 3:7) *"For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind."* (James 3:8) *"But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."* You must **control** your tongue.
- 2) With God's help, you can control your tongue. (Psalms 19:14) *"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength,*

and my redeemer." (Proverbs 21:23) "*Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.*"

## 2. On the path of life, **Avoid Lying Lips Lane** and thy lips from speaking guile

### a. **Guile is lying or deceiving.**

- 1) Lying is telling an untruth. If you did something and when someone asks you deny it, that is lying.
- 2) Deceiving is also lying because it is tricking someone into thinking something is true that is not true.
- 3) In the book of Acts chapter 5 when Ananias and Sapphira told Peter a lie, God caused both of them to drop over dead.
- 4) God hates lying. (Proverbs 12:22) "*Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.*"

### b. **Do not let your lips speak lies**

- 1) (Colossians 3:9) "*Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;*"
- 2) Ask God to keep you from lying. (Psalms 120:2) "*Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.*"

## 3. On the path of life, **Do Not Follow Do Evil Detour** Depart from evil,

### a. **Doing evil is doing what God says is wrong**

- 1) Here are some examples.
  - a) Looking at bad things is doing evil.
  - b) Taking something that is not yours is evil.
  - c) Getting angry is evil.
  - d) Thinking bad thoughts is evil.
  - e) Cheating is evil.
  - f) Disobeying authorities is evil.
  - g) Yielding to lust is evil.
  - h) Anything that displeases God is evil.



- 2) Why do we do evil? It is because we have evil in our hearts. **We learned that Friday at the Youth Activity.**
  - a) (Jeremiah 17:9) "*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*"
  - b) (Matthew 15:19) "*For out of the heart proceed evil*

*thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.*"

- c) (Luke 6:45) "*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*"

### b. **You must turn away from evil**

- 1) You can NEVER undo an evil you did. God can forgive if you confess, but that does not undue what you did.
- 2) Doing one evil leads into more evil. It is not easy to exit "Do Evil Detour".
- 3) (Proverbs 4:23) "*Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*"
- 4) (2 Timothy 2:22) "*Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*"
- 5) (1 Peter 2:11) "*Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;*"

## 4. On the path of life, **Stay Right on Do Good Drive** and do good;

### a. **Doing good is doing what God says is right**

- 1) Doing good is the opposite of doing evil. Good is purity, honesty, staying calm, kindness, not cheating, resisting lust, pleasing God, obeying authorities, reading the Bible, praying, singing church songs and many other things.
- 2) Someone wisely said, "**You are not what you think you are, but what you THINK you are!**" Did you know that thinking right will help us do right? (Philippians 4:8) "*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*"

### b. **Determine to do good**

- 1) Doing right is a choice!
- 2) **The only way to keep out the evil is to fill the soul full of good.** (Spurgeon)