

It Becomes an Appetite

Proverbs 4:10-19

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Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way. For they cannot rest until they do evil; they are robbed of sleep till they make someone stumble.

They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

Verse 10

Solomon says: “Listen, my son, accept what I say...”

Verse 11

“I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.”

Verse 12

“When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble”

Verse 13

“Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.”

Verse 16-17

“For they cannot rest until they do evil... They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.”

Verse 14

“Don’t take the step.”

What you repeatedly choose eventually begins to shape what you desire.

Verse 17

“They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.”

Verse 18-19

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shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way
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what makes them stumble.”

Philippians 2:13

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.” Listen to that.

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So ask yourself...What do I want? What am I teaching myself to want? What am I teaching my heart to hunger for?

Benediction

May the Lord give you wisdom to choose the right path, courage to turn from what pulls you away from Him, and discipline to starve the appetites that lead you away from His presence.

May His Spirit teach you to feed what draws you closer to Jesus, to hunger for what gives life, and to trust His grace as He continues changing your heart.

Go in the grace and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.