

Scripture

Proverbs 4:11-27 (NLT)

- 11 I will teach you wisdom's ways
and lead you in straight paths.
- 12 When you walk, you won't be held back;
when you run, you won't stumble.
- 13 Take hold of my instructions;
don't let them go.
Guard them, for they are the key to life.
- 14 Don't do as the wicked do,
and don't follow the path of evildoers.

- 15** Don't even think about it; don't go that way.
Turn away and keep moving.
- 16** For evil people can't sleep until they've done
their evil deed for the day.
They can't rest until they've caused someone
to stumble.
- 17** They eat the food of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence!
- 18** The way of the righteous is like the first gleam
of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the
full light of day.
- 19** But the way of the wicked is like total darkness.
They have no idea what they are stumbling
over.

- 20** My child, pay attention to what I say.
Listen carefully to my words.
- 21** Don't lose sight of them.
Let them penetrate deep into your
heart,
- 22** for they bring life to those who find them,
and healing to their whole body.
- 23** Guard your heart above all else,
for it determines the course of your life
- 24** Avoid all perverse talk;
stay away from corrupt speech.

- 25 Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.
- 26 Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path.
- 27 Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.