

“Absolutely Avoiding the Way of the Wicked”

- 14 Do not enter the path of the wicked,
And do not walk in the way of evil.
- 15 Avoid it, do not travel on it;
Turn away from it and pass on.
- 16 For they do not sleep unless they have done evil;
And their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall.
- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness,
And drink the wine of violence.
- 18 But the path of the just is like the shining sun,
That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.
- 19 The way of the wicked is like darkness;
They do not know what makes them stumble.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these six verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that those who belong to the light must be watchful against the least step toward the way of the wicked.

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Proverbs chapter 4 verses 14-19. These are God's words. Do not enter the path of the wicked. And do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it. Do not travel on it. Turn away from it. And pass on. For they do not sleep, unless they have done evil. And their sleep is.

Taken away unless they make someone fall. For they, eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the just is like The Shining sun. That shines brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is like, Darkness. They do not know. What makes?

Stumble.

So far the reading of God's inspired. Down there in word. The Lord here. Warning us not just about particular Wicked actions. He is reminding us that wickedness is itself, a whole way of And it's a way of life that belongs. To people who are wicked by Nature. They have sin as.

Their character. Their. And they have hell. As their Shore destination. And so the righteous person. Like we heard. From Romans. And like we were thinking about even in our catechism question this week. Righteous person must be dead to. You let sin have none of himself. He says I'm dead to you sin.

And the righteous person. Must kill. Doesn't allow it. Or tolerate it at all. He lets sin have none of himself and he lets himself have none of sin. So he starves it. Stranglicent. It chokes it, kills it. And so there's warning here, there's actually A six-fold warning, do not enter, do not walk.

Avoid, do not travel, turn away pass on. Six rapid fire commands in verses 14 and 15. To have nothing to do with sin. Not even to come near. Starting to sin, avoid it. And if you come near, don't enter do not enter the path of the wicked. And if you find yourself, having entered, do not walk on the path.

And if you walk, don't keep going, do not travel on it. It's a very strong warning. Both in preparation that we. Not put ourselves in situations, where We are tempted to sin, not considerate. Not toy. Even with the idea in our mind. When we start to feel like we would want to do it, Or if we have started it and we feel like excusing it We must put away such thoughts immediately.

And recognize the danger. This is. The path. That leads to destruction. And the people who are on, it aren't just on the path of wickedness. They have wickedness in them. It is their food. It is their drink. It is their life. It is their pleasure. They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

On the other hand. The righteous, the just Those who both have. Come into a right standing with God through faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ. And of course, if you have been made right with God and Jesus, you are Justified. Not only is there, no condemnation for you. through faith in Jesus Christ, but you also walk not according to the flesh, but according to the law, Of the spirit of.

The path of the just is like The Shining sun that shines ever brighter. Unto the perfect day. Perfect proverb to have after. Isaiah 60, this morning. Arise and shine. For the Lord will shine upon you. And he is the light that shines upon us. And you remember Romans 13.

Saying awake, the time for sleeping as far. The night is far gone. It's no longer time to live and walk in the Deeds of Darkness. That belong to this world, that is perishing. If Christ has dawned on you, if the Lord has dawned on you, Christ. Of course, the Lord God Yahweh Then, you know, it's time to wake up and start living.

For that, glorious day. That has just started to Dawn up on you. And will rise until the full brightness and Quests, Christ's return and our Resurrection. And so it says the path of the Justice, like The Shining sun that shines ever brighter into the perfect day. If you were to get up right at dawn or get get go outside right at dawn, it might be a little bit difficult at first.

To go around, get your day started. But very quickly. The. Gets closer and closer to the Horizon and then the first part of it peeks over over the Horizon and then the whole sun's in the sky and pretty soon, it's full light. Live. Like Lives like one who belongs.

To the next. The Everlasting and Brilliant. World with Jesus. As light. If you live like the wicked, not only are you Wicked and But you will have. Verse 19. Darkness. The way of the wicked is like Darkness, they do not know. What makes them stumble? So, not only Are they smashing into things and destroying themselves?

But the, the darkness affects even their mind their heart. They don't understand. That they're destroying themselves and how they're destroying themselves

and what they're destroying themselves on. And so don't don't even let yourself enter. The path. Of the wicked. It's not like you can be a righteous person who sometimes Chooses evil.

You must choose against it. You can have nothing to do with it. And then, let's pray.

We thank you. Lord and our God for your fatherly instruction. Thank you for taking us as your children. In your son. Our Lord Jesus. Thank you for giving him to us to be our Prophet. So, that by him, you speak to us and instructors. Thank you for giving us his Spirit.

Who is your spirit? Who applies Christ to us. Makes us to know and love you as our father. And to barrier your image more and more as your children. Help us Lord to love. The way of the righteous and to hate and avoid. Refuse to enter Escape immediately whenever we find ourselves on the way of the wicked.

We pray that. Spirit would not let us. Quickly forget what we hear from your word. As we go back to the rest of the day, the rest of the evening. So help us we pray in Jesus name amen.