

Smart Move: Remodel
Proverbs 4:1-13
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Proverbs 4:1-13: My children, listen when your father corrects you. Pay attention and learn good judgment, ² for I am giving you good guidance. Don't turn away from my instructions. ³ For I, too, was once my father's son, tenderly loved as my mother's only child. ⁴ My father taught me, "Take my words to heart. Follow my commands, and you will live. ⁵ Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them. ⁶ Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. ⁷ Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. ⁸ If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you. ⁹ She will place a lovely wreath on your head; she will present you with a beautiful crown." ¹⁰ My child, listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life. 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. (Proverbs 4:1-13 NLT)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____ for a stronger future

_____ ourselves: We are all infected and impure with sin. When we put on our prized robes of righteousness, we find they are but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves we fade, wither, and fall. And our sins, like the wind, sweep us away. Isaiah 64:6-7 (TLB)

_____ a different future: Do not let us be overwhelmed by our sins! Now Lord, you are our Father and we are the clay being molded by your hands! Isaiah 64:9 (JOT)

2. _____ God's remodel for your life

_____ : I am giving you a good gift, do not abandon my guidance...don't abandon wisdom and she will be devoted to you...love her and she will honor you! Make her your stockade...your crown will be grace and protection.... Proverbs 4:2, 6, 8 (JOT)

_____ : to it: As you go through life you will not be trapped, and as you run your race you will not be exhausted! Seize discipline with all of your strength and do not let it go! Guard it with all of your might because it is your life! Proverbs 4:12-13 (JOT)

_____ : The ones the Lord loves, he disciplines and those he accepts as children he chastises! Endure this discipline! God is offering to you adoption! What good father does not correct his children? Hebrews 12: 6-7 (JOT)

3. _____ a different legacy

_____ to Christ: And the Father who knows all hearts knows, of course, what the Spirit is saying as he pleads for us in harmony with God's own will. And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good...For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son.... Romans 8:27-29 (TLB)

Spiritual Action Step:

Where are you running from God's discipline in your life? How are you reflecting the image in Christ? What is your vision for your future? Hope or despair? Jesus tells us: *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* (John 14:6 (NIV) The transforming power of God is found as you seek to draw closer to Christ. It is important to accept God's love in Jesus, and you will be empowered as you seek to love God. Accept that Jesus is the only way to find God's true wisdom for your life! This week read Proverbs 4 and Romans 5 to allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen your heart and commitment!