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Protect Them

The dangers in the world can seem overwhelming when you first have a child. Every electric outlet is a potential for disaster, cleaning supplies have to be secured, car seats are researched and purchased, and it doesn't stop there. As they grow helmets are bought, rules are taught - "look both ways", "don't talk to a stranger", "stay in the yard". Then they enter the age where they will be able to go places without us, and we have many concerns. Are they old enough? Should I let them go? How well do I know the chaperones? It is a daunting task to protect our children and keep them safe isn't it?

The fourth chapter of Proverbs is devoted entirely to fatherly advice for a child on how to stay safe. The writer has taken a lot of time to think about and to warn his son about the dangers of this world. As parents, we feel an natural draw to protect our children physically, but here the main focus is to give advice that will protect a child from spiritual pitfalls. Here are few bits of advice found.

Vs 14 Avoid wicked men and stay out of their path.

Vs 23 Watch your heart with all diligence

Vs 24 Don't have a deceitful mouth

Vs 25 Keep your eyes looking straight ahead.

Vs 26 Watch where you go. Don't look to the right or the left.

I believe we have much to learn as parents from the systematic way the writer taught his son to protect himself. He was deliberate, and well thought out. He took the time to communicate it in writing. I wonder what kind of conversation took place when he gave these instructions to his children? I am struck by the desire of this parent to warn his children in order to protect them spiritually. We must do the same! Our time with our children is short, and their early spiritual development is essential to keeping them safe. Let all renew, refocus, and redouble our efforts to help our children follow the advice of Proverbs 4. See you Sunday!

John

We Are Healed

I Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

This is a verse often quoted to promote physical healing. Many will stand before large crowds and tell others to throw away their wheelchairs and crutches. They will announce that cancers are cured and stomach troubles are vanished. If someone is not healed then it is declared that their faith is not strong enough. Is this what this verse is talking about? No - sin is the disease of all mankind. Jesus paid the price for our sins on the cross so that we might be spiritually healed. Every person can be cured of sin by the sacrifice of Jesus.

Let's consider three things concerning physical healing. First, some but not all sickness is a result of personal sin. David in Psalm 32:3-5 described the effects of sin to his body. Once forgiven then they no longer existed. Sin can bring about diseases. Second, there are many illnesses that have nothing to do with sin. In John 9:1-3, Jesus talked about a man that was born blind. Was it due to his sins in the womb or due to his parent's sins? Jesus declared neither had sinned but the work of God would be displayed in his life. The third lesson is that it is not God's will that everyone be healed of physical problems. In II Corinthians 12, Paul asked for his thorn in the flesh to be removed. The answer was no. God would use Paul's weaknesses in the flesh to help him become stronger in the power of God. We can learn much from our troubles. God is involved in any physical healing that takes place. It may be by means that are not understandable or it may be through the use of doctors and medicine. The greatest of all news is that we can be healed of the human disease of sin which will put us in the proper relationship with God.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Roberta Bolton
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 226-B
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown
- Bill Carroll
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 113A
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman-treatments
- JoAnn Coleman
- Athaleen Cox-Life Care, Rm. 143B
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Nell Hood
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk - treatments
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A
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- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, Rm. 6
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- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Great grandson of Myrna & Clayton Jett**, born early, weighing 2 lb in Kentucky Hospital
- Bill Harris** - NHC room 2400
- Tracy Bolton**, cousin of Brian Stone
- Jocinda Martin** - friend of Lisa & Jason Kelley
- Patricia Vaughn** - aunt of Lisa Kelley
- Rick Heavner** - friend of the Britt's
- Joyce Crowe** - Debbie Massey's mother
- Johnny Andrews** - friend of Kim Fitzgerald
- Georgia Cook** - mother of Jennifer McNeese
- George Ervin** - Angie Massey's dad
- Wanda Nix** - sister of Debbie Massey
- Helen Deen** - mother of Sharon Davis
- Linda Collier** - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry
- Stacey Brown**-niece of Cindy Hargrove-double lung transplant
- Jean Posey** - sister of Jean Sims

WORSHIP LEADERS NOVEMBER 19, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

- Welcome.....Richard Farris
- Song Leader:Greg Lusk
- Prayer:.....Nathan Hixson
- Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jody Pritchett

James Bolton	Brandon Potts
Patrick Sullivan	Jeremy Britt
Ronnie Skelley	Corey Smith
Charlie Willis	Chase Thomason
- Read: Ephesians 3:7-12.....Shaun Townsend
- Sermon: Stewards of God's Grace.....John Thomas
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

- Welcome/Song Leader.....Donnie G. Davis
- Prayer.....Daniel Thomas
- Read: Ezekiel 3:16-19.....Danny Lasater
- Sermon: The Evil of Silence.....Joe Macer
- Presiding.....David Thomas
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Gary Boyd

Ushers: Alex Jones, Colton Hixson, Ryan Grice
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NURSERY CARE

- A.M.....Lisa Kelley, Angie Massey
- P.M.....Cecelia Willis

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 6:30 P.M.

PRAYER SERVICE

- Song Leader:Mike Kinzer
- Prayer:.....Nathan Hixson
- Announcements/Speaker:.....Jerry Ballard