

WALKING IN WISDOM (Colossians 4:5) Number #59

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A Father's Wisdom: Learn From Your Parents' Experiences by John T. Polk II

"**10** Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many. **11** I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. **12** When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble. **13** Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she is your life. **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. **20** My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings." (Proverbs 4:10-20 NKJV)

Verses 10-13: Listen to your father and live longer (Deuteronomy 5:16; Ephesians 6:1-3). This, of course, assumes that a son knows who his father is, and that his father has learned from his own experiences that God's Way is right. Now is the time for the father to teach "the way of wisdom," which only leads "in right paths." **Wisdom's way is unhampered and unimpeded, so that it's perfectly safe to "walk" with no worry about difficulty, or "run" without tripping. God says it, human experience confirms it, and the wise are people who conform to it.** Embrace Wisdom with the permanence of a marriage made in Heaven (Matthew 19:4-6), for "she is your life."

Verses 14-17: "The path" to avoid and the company not to keep! The morals which help a son make a decision should have already been taught by the father, so that this is an exhortation for the son to make the better decision. To avoid "the path of the wicked," one should "not enter" it. Don't start on the path, don't "walk," or progress, on that path. Stay off

of it altogether. Don't "travel" on it. "Turn away from it" means simply, act like it's not even an alternate choice. **The people who are taking that path are so devoted to evil, that they can't sleep "unless they have done evil," that could include making someone "fall," that is, not a day goes by without evil deeds.** They eat and drink (live for) "wickedness" and "violence," which means they will resort to anything and everything to do evil and have no limits.

Verses 18-19: Dare to compare the difference between "the just" and "the wicked." Literally, this choice is the difference between day and night, it is so obvious. **If more fathers would only see that their sons knew the difference, more sons would choose rightly.** How's the idea that "kids should make up their own minds without parents telling them what's right or wrong" working for you? Sunshine cannot be missed, and a "perfect day" includes it, exactly the same as choosing "the path of the just" would make every day a "perfect day." **Wandering throughout nighttime "darkness" means a person has no plan, learning experience, or goal in life, because they never find out "what makes them stumble."** Too many fathers live their lives like this with alcohol and other drugs, sex, violence, gangs, irresponsibility, and they have experience but no wisdom. Not learning from our experiences that there is another, better way, is stupid. ---jtpll

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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

~ "I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts."
~ John Locke (1632-1704)

~ "Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.'"

~ The Holy Spirit through James (James 2:17-18)

~ Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

~ He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

~ Clarence Budington Kelland, "It's Fun Being a Father," 1927

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The Man Who Was Deaf and Tongue Tied
Mark 7: 31-37

Introduction:

1. The coming of the Scribes and Pharisees from Jerusalem.
2. Jesus quotes from Isaiah and called them hypocrites.
3. He then goes over to the region of Tyre and Sidon, and then on to Decapolis. (Give a short history of these cities.)
4. The healing of the blind and dumb man. What lessons for us?

I. The Sad Spiritual Condition of Men.

- A. Sin is a state of Spiritual deafness. Mt. 13:13-16; Lk. 8:8
- B. In that state they cannot glorify God. 1 Pet. 3:12
- C. Do you see yourself as Jesus sees you? Rev. 3:17

II. The Blessing of Having Spiritual Minded Friends.

- A. He would have never made it without them. Jude 22
- B. We have friends who know the power of Jesus. Mt. 9:10
- C. Maybe even friends are trying to bring you now to Jesus.

III. The Power of Jesus For Spiritual Healing.

- A. Jesus dealt with him personally. Acts 18:26
- B. Jesus touched the problem. Acts 17:22-25; 2 Tim. 4:2
- C. Jesus has great compassion. Luke 19:41; 22:44; Heb. 5:7
- D. Jesus spoke powerful words. Mk. 16:15, 16; Heb. 4:12
- E. Jesus healed him instantly. Acts 8:38, 39; 16:30-34

IV. The Remarkable Change of Opinion.

- A. Before, they wanted Jesus to leave. (5:18-20).
- B. Now they have words of high commendation. (vs. 37)
- C. Many a scoffer has changed their verdict about Jesus.

Conclusion:

1. Are you a subject of His saving mercy and grace? Have you let him take away your spiritual trouble?
2. Do you go to hear and rejoice in His word, and glorify His name; and tell others that he hath indeed done well?

~~~~Mike Kiser

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**Godless Government can you:**  
**Legally kill your children**  
**and**  
**Go to jail for disciplining them**  
**All nations will be judged**