A Better Way To Live

Tony Mauck · Proverbs 23:26

INTRODUCTION

- Give me your heart, my son. And let your eyes delight in my ways. That's a summary of all that I preach and teach from the Word of God.
- Remember your creator in the days of your youth, Ecclesiastes 12 and verse 1.
- For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light. And reproofs for discipline are the way of life.

1 A Father's Letter: Three Temptations

1 Peter 5:8; Proverbs 23:29–35; Hebrews 10:25

- I believe there are three areas in which he will attack with the most effort, and I wanted to offer advice on how to deal with each one.
- The idea that sex is not a big deal and can be engaged in without thought to consequences, particularly to the soul. As I said, this idea is a myth.
- Hell will also be filled by those who thought one little drink won't hurt me.
- When you give in just a little, the next time it will be easier, and before long, you will find that you are giving in on bigger and bigger matters.
- Remember that you may be all that many of your friends ever see of Christianity. Be a shining example to them with love.

2 These Pitfalls Are No Way To Live

Proverbs 4:1–15; 1 Peter 3:10

- When you reject the principles of righteousness in the New Testament, you might imbibe in what the Hebrew writer calls the passing pleasures of sin, but when you do that, you have lessened the quality of your life.
- Every occasion of neglect, every occasion of immorality and vice, we have lowered the quality of our lives and characters.
- The real tragedy is that Randy Travis is a Christian.
- Let your heart hold fast my words. Keep my commandments and live. Get wisdom. Get understanding.
- Do not enter the path of the wicked. And do not proceed in the way of evil men. Stay far away from it.

3 Christianity Is About Being Something

Colossians 3:16

- Christianity is about being something, not just about avoiding wrong things. It's about the development of your character.
- The real issue in the book of Job is his integrity.
- Being pure in heart is the idea of being single in mind and purpose. I am here to please God.

4 The Killer D's, the Killer E and the Killer P

- The killer D's of disillusionment, disappointment, and dullness, the killer E of exhaustion, and the killer P of pain.
- He that sows to the spirit shall reap everlasting life. This is a better way to live.
- People will fail and disappoint. And that's why we have to be reminded that we serve a God that will never disappoint.

5 Strive, Persevere, Endure, Keep On

Romans 5:1–5; Luke 13:23–24; Hebrews 10:34–39

- Life is going to have its challenges. And we've got to keep pressing on.
- Tribulation brings about perseverance. And perseverance proven character and proven character, hope. And hope does not disappoint.
- I will not shrink back. I am not of those. I will have faith to the preserving of my soul.

6 Why Should I Listen?

- Why should I listen to you, Dad? Why should I listen to you, preacher?
- You will diminish the damage in your life. You will reap unrivaled blessings. You will have an exalted purpose and rich fellowship with God and his people.

THE CHALLENGE

So avoid sin. Pursue purity. Worship God. Enjoy fellowship. Serve others. And stay heaven focused. Narrow is the gate and the way that leads to life. And few there be that find it. You found it. Don't throw it away.

MY NOTES