

MAKE YOUR PATHS LEVEL

SCRIPTURE:

Watch the path of your feet and all your ways will be established. Do not turn to the right nor to the left; Turn your foot from evil. (Proverbs 4:26-27).

MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Level

SONG: "Step by Step"

MAIN MESSAGE:

Our walk with God is a difficult one, at best! God wants us to walk with purpose and confidence so we do not fall.

LESSON:

A level is an awesome tool. It is a straight edge tool that has one or more glass bubbles to help you "level" something. It helps keep things straight and lined up. I use my level for all sorts of projects like hanging pictures or shelves, pouring concrete, setting fence posts, etc. Most of the time if you don't use a level, the project will come out crooked or bent.

Walking haphazardly on un-level ground is not good for anyone. You can get injured if you're not careful. I don't think this passage in Proverbs means that we need to walk on smooth ground all the time. It means that when we encounter difficult parts of our journey, we set our feet on level, solid, and secure places. The journey to heaven is not an easy one. Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). The way to heaven is difficult at best so we must walk carefully and thoughtfully by not turning "to the right or left" and keeping ourselves from evil (Proverbs 4:27).

God instructs us in Proverbs 4:26 to "make level the path of our feet" (ASV). This simply means to make your walk purposeful so that you don't fall. Watch where you're going! For the child of God, it means to walk in the light, the way Jesus walked. Our daily walk needs to be with Christ! Therefore, we go only places He would go. We do only things that He would do. We hang out with only the type people He would hang out with. When our walk is purposeful we can walk with confidence, all the while knowing that we are taking each step very serious. Let's be purposeful with our families' walk this week!

PRAYER: Father, help us to walk a level path so we can meet You in Heaven!