

Proverbs 4:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Analysis

Pondering the path involves careful deliberation about life's direction. The Hebrew 'palles' (ponder) means to make level or balanced, suggesting thoughtful evaluation of one's course. Established ways demonstrate consistent, habitual righteousness, not merely occasional obedience—this is the fruit of progressive sanctification.

Historical Context

Levitical priests used similar language for careful examination (Leviticus 13). Moral self-examination required the same rigorous assessment to ensure one walked in God's ways.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How regularly do you examine whether your life's path aligns with God's will?
2. What practices help you thoughtfully evaluate your spiritual direction?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 37:23 (Parallel theme): The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Hebrews 12:13 (Parallel theme): And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Psalms 119:5 (Parallel theme): O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

2 Thessalonians 3:3 (Parallel theme): But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

Haggai 1:5 (Parallel theme): Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

Haggai 1:7 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

Psalms 119:59 (Parallel theme): I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

1 Thessalonians 3:13 (Parallel theme): To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Ezekiel 18:28 (Parallel theme): Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Proverbs 5:21 (Parallel theme): For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.