

Up-Close & Personal
“Power of the Path”
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Proverbs 7:6-23 & selected verses

DIRECTION, not desires,
determines your DESTINATION.

It's not where you are NOW that's important... it's where you
END UP based on the path YOU'RE GOING ON now.

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INSTRUCTIONS

BEFORE

LEAVING

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| • Divorce | • Addiction |
| • Broken Relationships | • Abortion |
| • Debt | • Guilt |
| • Bankruptcy | • Shame |
| • Failed Businesses | • Depression |
| • Expelled From School | • Jail or Prison |
| • Careers Damaged | • Nervous Breakdown |
| • Alcoholism | |

So.....those things that grab our ATTENTION affect our DIRECTION.

1. **STOP...EVALUATE** the paths you are on now.

*As we travel down a path, ANY PATH,
we need to look at our BEHAVIORS
that are becoming HABITS.*

*Will they help us get to where we want to be...
or get us in TROUBLE?*

2. **LOOK....at OTHERS** who have already gone down “your path”.

3. **LISTEN...to others you TRUST.**

4. **CHANGE COURSE...take a DETOUR.**

*It's better to begin getting BETTER TODAY
than keep getting WORSE tomorrow.*

The Bible is our Best Guide for staying on the Right Path.

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “take-away” from today’s message?
2. When you were younger, where or who did you go to for wisdom and direction in your life? Why? What about now?
3. What determines *your* destination: direction or desires? Why?
4. **Stop..Evaluate the path you are on right now.** What is “grabbing” your attention these days and where do you think it will lead you?
5. **Look at other’s lives.** Are there people in your life, (parents, co-workers, family members, friends) that have gone down that path? Where did it lead them?
6. **Listen to others.** Are there members of your small group that can speak truth into your life and help you change a behavior or habit?
7. **Change Course.** What do you need to do NOW to change the direction (detour) you are on to God’s path for your life? How can your small group help you stay on track?
8. **Read Proverbs 21:16.** Pair up in your small group. If there is a direction or behavior or habit that you need to confess and repent of, do that with your prayer partner. Then pray for each other to stay on God’s path of understanding.