



1 JOHN 3:18-19

Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. ¹⁹ We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him

3 RESPONSIBILITIES TO REMAIN PURE

B. Trust God's Word

- 1) In our actions, not our words (4:10-13) (1 Jn. 3:18-19)
- 2) Do we truly believe God will keep our paths clear? Do we truly believe God's Word will not let us stumble? (v.12)



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PROVERBS 6:27-28

- ²⁷ Can a man take fire in his bosom
And his clothes not be burned?
²⁸ Or can a man walk on hot coals
And his feet not be scorched?

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- 1) Have you drawn a clear line in the sand? (4:14-15) (Prov. 6:27-28)
- 2) Do not expect to remain pure before God if you continually shuttle between the path of wisdom & the path of the wicked.
- 3) Cherish the "path of the righteous." (v. 18)



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MATTHEW 12:34-35

³³ **“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.**

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MATTHEW 6:22-23

²² **“The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!**

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- 4) V. 26-27 – What is beyond my path? (*Heb. 12:1-2*)



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HEBREWS 12:1-2

¹² Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



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