

Fix Your Gaze

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Proverbs 4:10-27

I was invited to a farm to drive an enormously large tractor. Jumping at the chance, I started down the first row and kept looking back to see how I was doing. The row was becoming increasingly crooked. When we reached the end of the field the farmer had me turn around and drive back. This time I was instructed to keep my eyes focused on a target in the distance. After finishing he had me look at both rows. Then came a life lesson: "You cannot keep a straight path looking where you have been. You have to keep your eyes straight ahead and keep moving forward. If not, the rows, like life, will get twisted and more difficult to manage."

The goal is holiness! Some say the goal is heaven, but it is not. Heaven is a free gift given to God's holy people. Therefore, the goal should be holiness; then, heaven is certain. Solomon understood this when he said, "Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways" (v. 26). Fix your eyes on Christlikeness, and life will end well.

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