

"Paths Straight" by Austin Ward



<sup>1</sup> My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,
<sup>2</sup> for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

<sup>3</sup> Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

<sup>4</sup> Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight

- <sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.
- <sup>8</sup> This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

<sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;
<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

- <sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke,
- because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.









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