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Topic: Want a Long Life?

Text: Proverbs 4:10-19

1. In Proverbs 4:10, God says that if one receives His instruction, his years of life will be many. This was God's blessing for Israel. Because Israel was God's chosen nation, they were blessed by God as His visible holy witness to the other nations. The church replaces Israel as God's witness today. Therefore, this topic must be answered from the perspective of the church - Want a long life, Tabernacle BP Church?
2. Our church is our eternal family and they are more precious to us than our blood family. We must do our part to make sure that our church is following the way of Christ and have teachers who teach according to God's Word. This can be seen in the holiness and soundness of the church. The church leads people in the way of wisdom (v11). Sinners will find salvation, while believers will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The instruction from God's Word is clear to teach members the correct interpretation.
3. All God asks of us, as His church, is to be a holy witness. But this will not be easy as we live in this wicked world and we will be tempted by the sinful influences of this world. As the world tries to tempt us with the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life, we must avoid it, pass by it and turn away from it (v15). We must be discerning to the evil devices of the world.
4. Those who follow the path of righteousness will be like a shining lamp stand (v18). If every individual family strives for this same standard, the church will be a light shining brighter and brighter till the day the Lord comes again.

*May we let God rule our lives, our families and our church*