



HOW ARE YOUR FEET?

Two weeks ago we considered the LIPS (or mouth). Today we go to the other end and consider

the FEET. The two go hand-in-hand since people are always putting their foot in their mouth! (I said that, not Solomon). Solomon does have a bit to say about feet, however!

First, where not to put your feet: *My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent. My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their path; For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood.* Proverbs 1:10,15-16

and *Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men.* Proverbs 4:14NIV

Remember the things God hates? One of them was *Feet that are swift in running to evil,* Proverbs 6:18b

Now, I assume you do not place your feet in the wrong places but, sometimes we slip - don't we?

We need to be very careful where we walk, *Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left Remove your foot from evil.* Proverbs 4:26-27

We know there are certain places we ought not to go, such as *Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared? So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.* Proverbs 6:28-29

There are things that are not so obvious such as: *Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you.* Proverbs 25:17 (Solomon said that, not me!)

So, now that we know where not to walk, how do we know the proper place?

Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with his feet. Proverbs 19:2

Without knowledge - knowledge of God, our feet will "hasten" to the wrong places. But knowledge will keep us straight. We have more than knowledge to keep us straight,

For the Lord will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught. Proverbs 3:26

The Lord, if we trust Him, will guide our feet in the right way. Solomon didn't say that, but the Psalmist did! *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.* Psalm 119:105

Now, we have considered what Solomon has said about our feet. But, did you know that the Bible tells us we should not go around bare footed? It surely does, *and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;* Ephesians 6:15

We are to wear the "shoes" of Salvation. Why?

You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great. You enlarged my path under me; So my feet did not slip. II Samuel 22:36-37 & Psalm 18:35-36

But there is yet another reason for wearing these shoes. Being *shod with the Gospel* enables us to have beautiful feet. Did you know YOU can have beautiful feet? Both Paul and Isaiah have told us so.

And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15 and Isaiah 52:7

The best use of your feet is in spreading the Gospel of Christ - to fulfill the Great Commission.

Well, that's it for this week. I hope you got a kick out this lesson!

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