

# Giving, not getting

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# Marriage

You must love the Lord your God with all  
your heart,  
all your soul  
and all your mind.  
This is the first and  
greatest commandment

Matthew 22:37-38



# Favour comes from God

If we want to build godly relationships,  
Godly marriages, we need to know the  
source of success

2 Samuel 9:1

One day David asked: "Is anyone left of Saul's family? If so, I'd like to show him some kindness in honor of Jonathan.

It happened that a servant from Saul's household named Ziba was there



2 Samuel 9:2

They called him into David's presence.

The king asked him: Are you Ziba?

Yes sir, he replied

2 Samuel 9:3

The king asked

Is there anyone left from the family of  
Saul to whom I can show some godly  
kindness?

Ziba told the king:

Yes, there is Jonathan's son, lame in  
both feet



2 Samuel 9:4

Where is he?

He's living at the home of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.

King David didn't lose a minute

He sent and got him from the home of Makir.



2 Samuel 9:6

When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan came before David he bowed deeply, Honoring David.

David spoke his name:

“Mephibosheth”

Yes sir?



2 Samuel 9:7

Don't be frightened, said David

I'd like to do something special for you  
in memory of your father Jonathan.

To begin with, I'm returning to you all  
the properties of your grandfather Saul



2 Samuel 9:7

Furthermore, from now on you'll take  
all your meals at my table



You need to know who God is

If we are in covenant with someone,  
we do not allow others to bad-mouth  
that person

God is the potter, I am the clay



In marriage,

Our speech needs to be blameless

we cannot say what we want.

You have signed the luxury off to free-speech.



Words kill  
Words give life  
They're either  
Poison or fruit – you choose

Proverbs 18:21  
MSG

Those who control their tongue  
Will have a long life  
Opening your mouth  
Can ruin everything

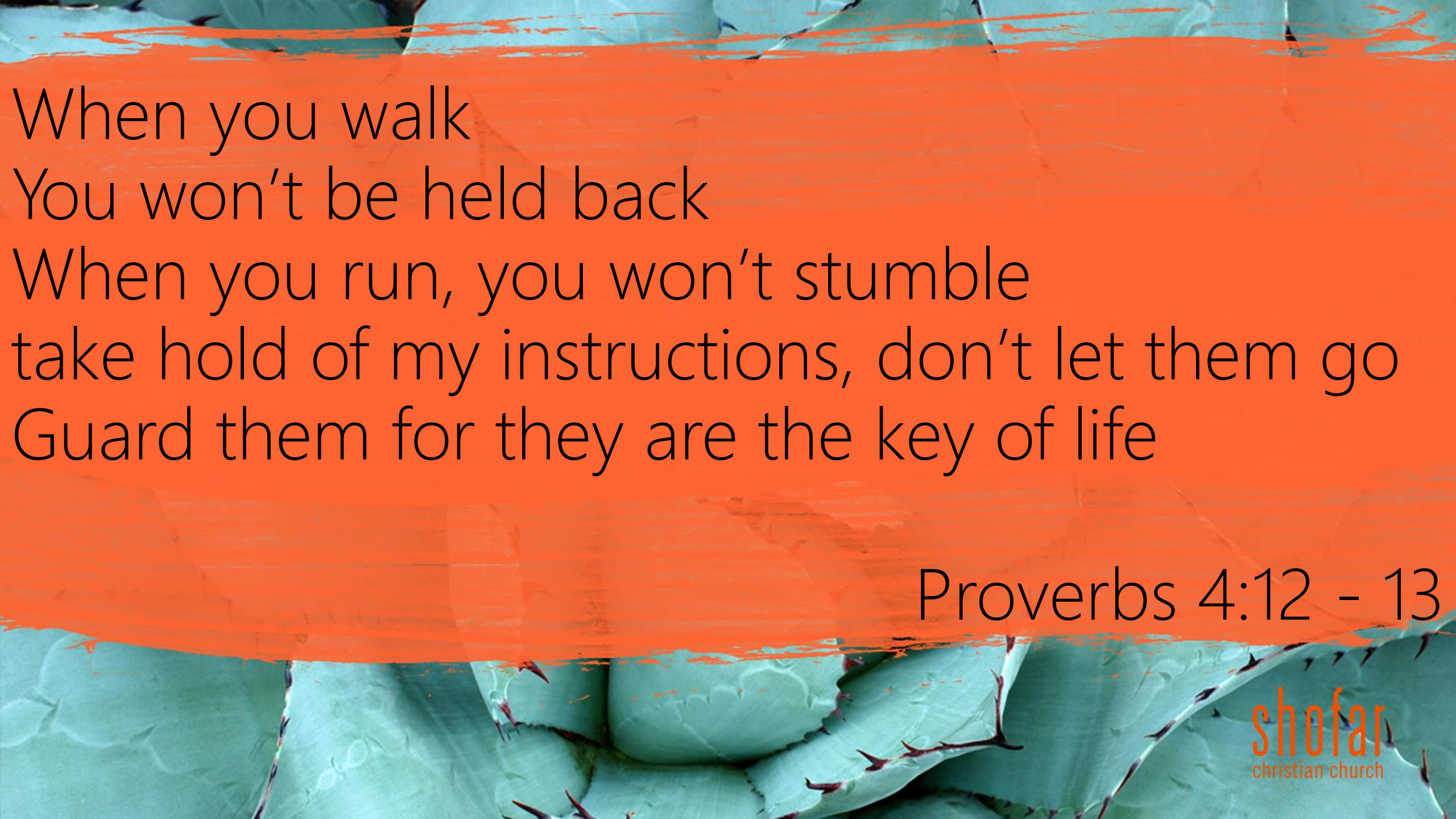
Proverbs 13:3  
NLT



Speak respectfully to each other  
and with each other

follow instruction  
and  
direction given





When you walk  
You won't be held back  
When you run, you won't stumble  
take hold of my instructions, don't let them go  
Guard them for they are the key of life

Proverbs 4:12 - 13

# Live a life of forgiveness

Forgiveness is daily



Matthew 6:15

But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father  
will not forgive your sins

Be imitators of Christ



# Colossians 3:12

since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience

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Romans 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world,  
but let God transform you into a new person  
by  
changing the way you THINK



What does a godly  
marriage look like?

But Jesus said:  
Not everyone **is mature enough** to live a married life.  
It requires a CERTAIN APTITUDE and GRACE.  
MARRIAGE isn't for everyone. Some, from birth  
seemingly, never give marriage a thought  
Others never get asked – or accepted.  
And some decide not to get married for kingdom reasons  
Matthew 19:11-12 MSG



But if you are capable of growing into the largeness of marriage, do it!

Matthew 19:11-12 MSG

Mark 4:20

But the seed planted in the good earth represents those who hear the Word, embrace it,  
And produce a harvest beyond their wildest dreams.

Marriage is about  
Giving, not getting.





Marriage is where we

Serve each other

Give and receive each other

Share with each other

Care for each other



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