

The Blessings and Courage of Wisdom

Proverbs 28 pt 3

"The one who leads the upright into an evil way will fall into his own pit, but the blameless will inherit what is good." -Proverbs 28:10

What are some ways we can lead people in a positive direction in light of today's culture and society?

*M_____ the behavior you want to inspire. *L_____ before you guide.

*Offer c_____ not c_____. *W_____ with them not ahead of them.

*T_____ people how to think, not w____ to think.

"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall away—it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depths of the sea." -Matthew 18:6

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9 Anyone who turns his ear away from hearing the law—even his prayer is detestable.

What is the main idea of this verse?

❖ If you can't h_____ God, don't expect God to h____ you in you.

King Solomon says, anyone who turns his ear away from hearing the law, meaning whoever ignores or disobeys the Word of God is in error.

➤ Ezekiel 12:2; Jeremiah 5:21

Sadly many people look at God as a vending machine or a genie. They only come to Him when they want something. Outside of their wants and desires, God is ignored, but is still expected to answer their prayer requests. This is the wrong attitude to have towards our heavenly Father.

Notice how it offends God: even his prayer is detestable.

Detestable: Hebrew Word toebah; something disgusting, abomination; ritual sense towards God as a offering; ethical sense as a person, it contradicts His holiness.

How can we apply this in our relationship with God?

*Watch out for those s____ barriers that disrupt your fellowship. Psalm 66:18

*Avoid a s____-righteous attitude. Luke 18:9-14

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What are some notable contrasts?

- ❖ How the w_____ lead Vs How the b_____ lead
- ❖ B_____ Vs B_____

Which is one of the most common ways sin spreads?

➤ C_____ others to join. Proverbs 1:10-11; 24:21-22

Think about some examples in the Bible who pressured others to sin...

- ◆ P _____ wife: Genesis 39:7-10
- ◆ Queen J _____: 1 Kings 16:30-33; 21:25
- ◆ King M _____: 2 Kings 21:9-12
- ◆ A _____: 2 Samuel 15:12-14
- ◆ False t _____: Galatians 1:7-8

What do all of these examples have in common?

➤ They into their own .

In contrast to how the wicked lead and their burden, notice the blessing of the blameless.

Blameless: without blemish, whole, integrity, upright, morally, literally or figuratively.

King Solomon says, the blameless inherit what is .

Why is it important to lead people in the right way?

*It builds trust and security. *It helps others grow instead of depend.

*It prevents harm and c *It inspires p and effort.

“Make your ways known to me, LORD; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; I wait for you all day long.”-Psalm 25:4-5

11 A rich person is wise in his own eyes, but a poor one who has discernment sees through him.

What are some contrast?

❖ R Vs. P ; P Vs. D

In this verse, King Solomon exposes some of the spiritual dangers of wealth. People often say they won't change when they get money, but what are some common struggles of those who are rich?

*Underestimating the challenges of everyday life *Difficulty empathizing

*Limited a **range of how systems affect others**

The main lesson:

- ❖ Watch out for p_____!

Sadly, so many make the mistake of assuming their success is entirely their own. The Bible testifies that not only is God in control, but just because someone is r_____ it does not mean they are r_____.

The trap: Being physically rich and spiritually b_____. Luke 12:16-21

What are some ways we can encourage the wealthy to be humble?

*Invite them into meaningful s_____. 1 Timothy 6:17-18

*Expose them to realities o_____ their bubble. Matthew 19:21-24

12 When the righteous triumph, there is great rejoicing, but when the wicked come to power, people hide.

Notice the contrast:

- ❖ Righteous leadership Vs. Wicked leadership; R_____ Vs. H_____

What is the main idea?

- ❖ Power exposes the good, bad, and u_____!
- ✓ Godly leadership leads to j_____ and stability. People who live under a righteous government experience great benefits and a sense of freedom. 2 Chronicles 5:12-14
- ✓ Wicked leadership leads to injustice and instability. People who live under a wicked government lose f_____ and security. 1 Kings 16:29-31; 17:1-3; Matthew 2:13; 16

What causes a nation to go from godly to wicked?

*Celebrating s_____ *Tolerating ungodly l_____

How can God's people endure under wicked leadership?

*Spread the g_____ news *P_____ *Encourage r_____

*Trust G_____ plan

What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

“You who love the LORD, hate evil! He protects the lives of his faithful ones; he rescues them from the power of the wicked.”-Psalm 97:10