

38. PROVERBS 13 – CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED.

Proverbs 13:4–11

2. Their work.

Lazy vs Diligent

⁴ The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

- Truth. Lazy people want _____ but have _____.

Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *Therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.

Proverbs 21:25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; For his hands refuse to labour.

Danger. Some people do what they _____.

Proverbs 21:17 He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

- **Note: SOUL.** Some properly feed their soul!

Proverbs 11:25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: And he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

Honest or Wicked

⁵ A righteous *man* hateth lying: But a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

- The wicked are ok with lying.

Example: Judas – A devil. He lied about ministry resources priorities and he lied with a kiss.

John 6:70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

John 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Loathsome – repulsive. Like a snake. **Gen 3:1-5** Result?

Revelation 22:14–15 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ For without *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Ephesians 2:1–10 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins; ² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: ³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) ⁶ And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: ⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Psalms 119:163 I hate and abhor lying: *But* thy law do I love.

⁶ Righteousness keepeth *him that is* upright in the way: But wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

- PROTECTION vs an OVERTHROW!

Psalms 119:1 ALEPH. Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the Lord.

- Notice this is what RIGHTEOUSNESS and WICKEDNESS _____ their _____.

Righteousness keeps them on _____.

We have IMPUTED righteousness. **Rom 4:1-5**

Romans 4:1–5 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? ² For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God. ³ For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. ⁴ Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. ⁵ But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Wickedness seems like the _____ way in the moment of serving
_____ – but it is their _____.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Hebrews 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Matthew 7:13–14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

⁷ There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *There is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.

- The wise hold to true value. The foolish are pretentious, and so, fail.

Some can do _____ with _____.

Others can do _____ with _____.

- **Miserable men: Saul, Haman.** They are rich but can't sleep. Why?
Nebuchadnezzar. Very rich, yet cut down in his prime, living like an animal.
- **Blessed believers:** here are ministers, poor but full!

2 Corinthians 6:4–10 But in all *things* approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, ⁵ In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; ⁶ By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, ⁷ By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, ⁸ By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; ⁹ As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; ¹⁰ As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

Example: Faithful Widow.

Mark 12:42–44 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. ⁴³ And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: ⁴⁴ For all *they* did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.

⁸ The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches: But the poor heareth not rebuke.

- Riches can bring trouble. No one kidnaps the poor.
Yet, the rich can typically buy their way out of trouble.
Some poor people think that money is the answer! They aren't listening!

Contrast

Proverbs 10:15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city: The destruction of the poor is their poverty.

⁹ The light of the righteous rejoiceth: But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

Psalm 119:105 NUN. Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

John 1:1–5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

- Does the Word of Christ / the Person of Christ rejoice as YOUR light?

Matthew 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Mark 4:21 And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?

- The lamp of the wicked.

Job 41:18–21 By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the morning. ¹⁹ Out of his mouth go burning lamps, *and* sparks of fire leap out. ²⁰ Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as *out* of a seething pot or caldron. ²¹ His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

Matthew 6:22–23 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. ²³ But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

Job 18:5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, And the spark of his fire shall not shine.

Proverbs 20:20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

Proverbs 24:20 For there shall be no reward to the evil *man*; The candle of the wicked shall be put out.

¹⁰ Only by pride cometh contention: But with the well advised *is* wisdom.

- Discord? **Pride** is the _____.

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

The value revealed here is that the wise take advice. **Humility** is the _____.

This implies that if a man is “well advised,” he will NOT be proud.

Proverbs 15:25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 28:25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

¹¹ Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: But he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

- Wealth gotten thru fraud has no _____ to the holder!
- They don't understand the actual _____ of _____.
- A hard worker _____ to their money. They spend it _____, in ways that improve / increase their lives.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.