

## 49. PROVERBS 15 – CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE WISE AND FOOLISH.

### Their Actions and Outcomes. Proverbs 15:18-29

How they act and the *consequential* results of their actions.

#### 6. The Way of \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>24</sup> The way of life *is* above to the wise, That he may depart from hell beneath.

- Proverbs lays out two paths. One to life and the other to hell.

**Proverbs 14:32** The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: But the righteous hath hope in his death.

The wise look \_\_\_\_\_!

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**Psalm 121:1–2** I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. <sup>2</sup> My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

You must be born again from Christ \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 3:3** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. *How?*

**John 3:13–16** And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: <sup>15</sup> That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

This is true not only for salvation but for the \_\_\_\_\_ life.

**Colossians 3:1–7** If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup> For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: <sup>6</sup> For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: <sup>7</sup> In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

- **Beware!**

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

<sup>25</sup> The Lord will destroy the house of the proud: But he will establish the border of the widow.

- What does the Lord hate?

**Proverbs 6:17** A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

**Psalm 101:5** Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

- **Borders!**

**Deuteronomy 19:14** Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it.

**Deuteronomy 27:17** Cursed *be* he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Someone gets full of themselves and move borders to their advantage.

**God takes this abuse very seriously.**

**Hosea 5:10** The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: *Therefore* I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.

'bound' = boundary stone. The ancient landmarks.

**Proverbs 22:28** Remove not the ancient landmark, Which thy fathers have set.

**Proverbs 23:10–11** Remove not the old landmark; And enter not into the fields of the fatherless: <sup>11</sup> For their redeemer *is* mighty; He shall plead their cause with thee.

**Exodus 20:15** Thou shalt not steal.

**THINK:** God is on the side of the weak and helpless who are humble.

**Psalms 68:5** A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *Is* God in his holy habitation.

**Psalms 146:9** The Lord preserveth the strangers; He relieveth the fatherless and widow: But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

**Romans 12:19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

The strong \_\_\_\_\_ the weak. They do not \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**Example: Ahab.** When Ahab wanted Naboth's property he killed him. 1 Kings 21.

**1 Kings 21:17–19** And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, <sup>18</sup> Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which *is* in Samaria: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it. <sup>19</sup> And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. **See 1 Kings 22:38.**

## 7. The Way They Think and \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>26</sup> The thoughts of the wicked **are an abomination** to the Lord: But *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.

- Thoughts? Remember: What is abomination to the Lord?

**Proverbs 6:16–19** These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: <sup>17</sup> A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, <sup>19</sup> A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

So, it's proud, lying, divisive, tyrannical wicked thoughts. (*any thoughts against God's Word.*)

**How do you think?** Note the parallel here! Again, what is IN you is what will come OUT of you.

You know the wicked from the pure of heart and mind by how they \_\_\_\_\_.

*Someone that is always wanting to introduce wickedness to you. Why? THEY are wicked.*

**Luke 6:45** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

**Solution. Decide that you will think correctly.**

**Philippians 4:8–9** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things. <sup>9</sup> Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

## 8. How They Respond to \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>27</sup> He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; But he that hateth gifts shall live.

**Proverbs 6:18** An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, Feet that be swift in running to mischief,

- Bribery puts you at a compromise. You cannot move forward with integrity if you are beholden to bribes. Slippery slope. Once you take a bribe, you are OWNED. Where does it stop. Down you go.

**Proverbs 19:6** Many will intreat the favour of the prince: And every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.

**Exodus 23:8** And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

**Deuteronomy 16:19** Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.

**Proverbs 17:23** A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom To pervert the ways of judgment.

**Proverbs 29:4** The king by judgment establisheth the land: But he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

**Ecclesiastes 7:7** Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart.

- **Example: Abraham.** He didn't fall for bribery in Genesis 14.

**Genesis 14:22–24** And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, <sup>23</sup> That I will not *take* from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that *is* thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: <sup>24</sup> Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

Remember how Abram left Egypt in Gen 12? What was the result of those gifts from Egypt?  
*Trouble for his house! Gen 13, 14 and 19!*

### 9. What Goes into Their \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>28</sup> The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: But the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

- The righteous think before they speak because words matter. This is why they can rejoice! Vs 23.

<sup>23</sup> *A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: And a word spoken in due season, how good is it!*

- Someone that it always shooting off their mouth (KEY WORD: 'poureth') – it is going come out to be evil things.

**Proverbs 15:2** The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: But the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

Why? AGAIN, what is IN them is what will come OUT of them.

**Luke 6:45** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

They vomit out their words without thinking.

Nothing is off limits. "Just speaking my truth!" What follows is nonsense and trends evil.

When you stand in judgment before Almighty God, will you be sure to speak your truth to power?