

50. PROVERBS 15 – CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE WISE AND FOOLISH.

Their Accountability and Humility. Proverbs 15:29–33

1. Their _____ in prayer.

²⁹ The Lord *is* far from the wicked: But he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

- When the wicked pray: _____.

Remember: The worship of the wicked is abomination to God.

Proverbs 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the Lord: But the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

Proverbs 15:9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the Lord: But he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

Proverbs 15:26 The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the Lord: But *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.

Why?

Psalm 66:18–19 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear *me*: ¹⁹ *But* verily God hath heard *me*; He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

John 9:31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

Beware: You plan sin in your heart long before it ever becomes a fact in your life. This is why the bible warns you over and over to guard your heart!

Jerimiah 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Psalm 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Unbelief is wicked. Remember the ‘wicked’ servant. **Matthew 25:26** *fear kills faith.*

James 1:5-7 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ⁷For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. ⁸A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

All prayer must be made in FAITH!

- There is one prayer that he will hear. The prayer of _____ and for _____.

How? The prayer of the _____.

Luke 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Psalm 145:18–19 The Lord *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, To all that call upon him in truth. ¹⁹ He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Why?

Psalm 138:6 Though the Lord *be* high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: But the proud he knoweth afar off.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

1 Peter 5:5–7 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

- We have the _____ righteousness of Christ.

Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Romans 10:4 For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

- **KEY:** God is a good _____ who does hear our prayers.

Luke 11:9–13 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ¹¹ If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ¹² Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

We are His _____!

Romans 8:10–16 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. ¹³ For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Praying to God as our Father is one way to pray in the Holy Ghost!

Jude 20–21 ²⁰ But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

²¹ Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

- The only way to fail in prayer is to _____.

Romans 8:26–28 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Proverbs 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the Lord: But the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

Do you believe that? That God wants to hear your prayers?

Do you elevate your feelings over faith?

Examples:

Psalms 112:7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: His heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

1 John 5:13–15 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵ And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?