

66. PROVERBS 17 – PURSUE PROPER BEHAVIOR.

Proverbs 17:4–7

1. Lying reveals a person's _____.

⁴ A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; And a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

- **Again:** a Proverb of synonymous parallelism = *“The wicked listen to the wicked.”*
- **Example: Genesis 3:1-7**

Listening to a liar makes a mess! It ruptures lives, fellowship, relationships!

Problem: If you buy into and listen to a lie, you are a liar too.

1 Corinthians 5:6b ...Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

KEY: Not only does listening to the wicked damage and corrupt us, it also _____ the wickedness in your own life. *“Birds of a feather flock together.”*

There are liars everywhere today. They churn out FALSE doctrine.

Proverbs 14:15 The simple believeth every word: But the prudent man looketh well to his going.

The prudent: just because some wicked person is sincerely selling you a story, you check the facts before you move.

2. Heartless people beggin' for a _____

⁵ Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: And he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

- To mock someone in their _____ state is to _____ God.

Despising some unfortunate soul is a _____ theological statement: you _____ God Himself.

Proverbs 14:31 He that oppressteth the poor reproacheth his Maker: But he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

Proverbs 22:2 The rich and poor meet together: The Lord is the maker of them all.

1 Samuel 2:7 The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: He bringeth low, and lifteth up.

- **The principle:** how you treat the poor _____ you treat the Lord Himself!

Proverbs 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; And that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Matthew 25:34–43 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: ³⁶ Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ³⁷ Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? ³⁸ When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? ³⁹ Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? ⁴⁰ And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. ⁴¹ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: ⁴³ I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Contrast:

John 12:4–8 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, ⁵ Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? ⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. ⁷ Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. ⁸ **For the poor always ye have with you;** but me ye have not always.

5b: To rejoice over the trouble of others will cause God to ensure that problems _____ back to you.

FIRST: We deserved hell. Don't be a _____.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

SECOND: Proverbs 24:17–18 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: ¹⁸ Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

Example: Edom

Ezekiel 35:12–15 And thou shalt know that I am the Lord, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume. ¹³ Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard them. ¹⁴ Thus saith the Lord God; When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. ¹⁵ As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, even all of it: and they shall know that I am the Lord. See also **Obadiah 12**

3. Family _____.

⁶ Children's children are the crown of old men; And the glory of children are their fathers.

- **6a** qualifier.

Proverbs 16:31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, If it be found in the way of righteousness.

- 6a simple confirms that grandparents are all about their grandkids. **Genesis 48:11; Psalm 128:5-6**

KEY: Don't miss this picture!

1 Thessalonians 2:19–20 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? ²⁰ For ye are our glory and joy.

The greatest and most important responsibility you have is to _____ your _____ to Christ!

1 Corinthians 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Parents: There is no greater ministry than that of the _____ to your kids. Your grandchildren are at stake. With them, you're preparing for your grandkid's salvation.

- **6b:** "the glory of children are their fathers."
Fathers are key to proper childhood development.
6b is key to God's blessing on their lives!

Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. See also **Ephesians 6:1-2**

The book of Proverbs reveals the dysfunctional family!

Proverbs 17:25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, And bitterness to her that bare him.

KEY: The Lord must _____!

Malachi 4:6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, And the heart of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

The father's responsibility.

Psalm 128:1–6 Blessed is every one that **feareth the LORD**; that walketh in his ways. ² For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. ³ Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. ⁴ **Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.** ⁵ The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. ⁶ **Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children,** and peace upon Israel.