

The Righteous vs. the Wicked

Text: Proverbs 15:1-33

Introduction

Solomon continues his observations about life and people. In this chapter he outlines the differences between the righteous and the wicked. To make these differences more recognizable, he gives a series of contrast.

John Phillips points out, “*A good man is placed alongside a bad one. A worthy act is enhanced by being placed alongside a base one. Solomon knew that a flashing diamond seems more lustrous when it is displayed on a black velvet background.*”

Let us examine these comparisons and then see which category our family and friends would classify us.

I. The Words of the Wicked (vv. 1-7).

Life Principle #51: _____

Notice that the wicked have...

A. _____ words, rather than _____ words (v.1).

3 Rules of Speech

cf. James 3

1. Is it the _____ ?

2. Is it _____ ?

3. Is it _____ & _____ ?

B. _____ words, rather than _____ words (v.2).

1. The _____ of words.

2. The _____ of words.

Life Principle #52: _____
(v.7; cf. Matt. 12:34-37).

II. The Works of the Wicked (vv. 8-12).

A. What _____ God about the wise.

1. His _____ (v.8).

2. His _____ (v.9).

B. What _____ God about the foolish.

1. His _____ (v.8).
2. His _____ (i.e. way, v.9).

C. How the foolish disgust God

1. He will not be _____ (vv. 10, 12)
 “Love your _____, but your critics will not _____ you” (cf. v.12).
2. He willfully chooses _____ (vv. 10-11).

III. The Ways of the Wicked (vv. 13-18).

Life Principle #53: _____

In these verses, Solomon compares the differences in the way (i.e, the conduct & life) of the righteous and the wicked. Notice the way of their...

A. Temperament (vv. 13-15). —*Either the way of...*

1. Song or _____ (v.13).
2. Seeking or _____ (v.14).
3. Singing or _____ (v.15).

B. Trouble (vv. 16-19). —*Trouble from...*

1. Wrong _____ (vv. 16-17; cf. I Tim. 6:6-10).
2. Wrathful _____ (vv. 18-19).
3. Wasteful _____ (v.19).
 -Lazy people will not _____ (cf. 26:13-15; Ecc. 11:4).
 -Lazy people waste their _____ (cf. 24:30-31; Ecc. 10:18).
 -Lazy people are in constant _____ (v.19a; cf. 24:32-34).

IV. Respects Their Parents (vv. 20-21).

Life Principle #54: _____

Only two commands to children = _____

V. Plan Their Work (v.22).

Life Principle #55: _____ (cf. 24:27).

VI. Want to Live For God (v.24; cf. Col. 3:1-3).

Life Principle #56: _____.

—They don't have to be _____ !

VII Carefully Guard Their Mouth (v.28).

Life Principle #57: _____

Conclusion

How does your life measure up? Is it characteristic of the wise or the wicked?