

## God's Design for Leaders

Text: Proverbs 16:10-26

### Introduction

The beginning of this chapter reminded us of the fact that *God Rules*. We saw that He rules in the plans of man, the purposes of man, and the provision of man (vv. 1-9). In the verses before us, we will also see that God rules in the government of man.

### *God Rules in the Lives & in the Leadership of Man*

There are times when we think that God must not be in control. We see corrupt political leaders and wonder "What is going on." As believers, we should not be dismayed or doubting.

### Transition

These verses are Biblical proof that God is the One who is ultimately in charge.

#### **I. The Providing of Leadership** (vv.10-11).

A. His \_\_\_\_\_ of justice (v.10).

B. His \_\_\_\_\_ of justice (v.11).

#### **Life Principle #61:** \_\_\_\_\_

In this verse, God weighs in on the side of ethics in business. The weights and balance, in Solomon's day, were the "cash registers" to transact business. The verse tells us that we can always trust God to do right! Notice that God delights in honesty (11:1; 20:10, 23; Deut. 25:13-16)

#### **II. The Power of Leadership** (vv. 12-13).

**Leadership** = \_\_\_\_\_

*Right leading demands right living!* Leadership can lose its power (i.e., the ability to lead by influence). The power is based upon. . .

A. Righteousness in our \_\_\_\_\_ (v.12).

Obviously, Solomon eventually ignored his own advice (cf. I Kings 11:1-8). Therefore, his throne was not established (I Kings 11:9-13).

B. Righteousness in our \_\_\_\_\_ (v.13).

#### **III. The People of Leadership** (vv. 14-15). —i.e., *Followship*

#### **Life Principle #62:** \_\_\_\_\_

A. Good leaders must first be good \_\_\_\_\_.

— \_\_\_\_\_ is under authority (cf. Luke 7:8).

B. Good leaders acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_.

#### IV. The Problem of Leadership (vv. 16-25).

The previous point is pivotal for this point. If a person, who is a leadership position, does not recognize and submit to authority, they will develop a number of other problems. Sometimes these problems are the source of the lack of respect for authority.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.16).

—Proverbs talks about the one who accepts a “gift” (i.e., \_\_\_\_\_).

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.17).

—In order to maintain \_\_\_\_\_, there are some who will give in to compromise on vital issues.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 18-25).

**Life Principle #63:** \_\_\_\_\_

—Along with pride comes \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 20-25). This man will not listen to anyone at any time. He does not understand the next life principle, which states. . .

**Life Principle #64:** \_\_\_\_\_