

Life's Final Call
Text: Proverbs 16:27-33

Introduction

In the previous verses in this chapter, we have examined the various qualities of leadership. We have seen the kind of leader that God uses, and the kind of leader He rejects. We have seen how Godly leadership is established and how it is forfeited.

As we come to the end of this chapter, we see the conclusion of four different kinds of living. We see the life of the *ungodly*, the *froward*, the *violent*, and the *godly* man.

Generally, people fall into one of these four categories of living. Let us examine these four types, and see their final outcomes.

I. The Ungodly Man (v.27). —*He is _____!*

A. Uses his _____ to discover others (i.e., dig for & find gossip).

1. His _____ — *ungodly*
2. His _____.

—He uses the “dirt” he digs up as a weapon against others (i.e., he blackmails them). The word “*diggeth*” means, “to dig, excavate.” He will leave “no stone unturned” in his quest for the skeletons in someone else’s closet!

B. Uses his _____ to destroy others.

1. His _____ — “*in his lips*”

—This person enjoys nothing more than some “good ole’ juicy gossip.”

2. His _____ (i.e., destructiveness).

—His “*lips*” are like a burning, destructive fire (cf. Jam. 3:6).

II. The Froward Man (v.28). —*He is _____!*

The word “*froward*” is a word that means, “perverse.” He uses his perverse deceitfulness to...

A. _____ fights (v.28a).

1. A _____ of strife.
2. A _____ of strife.

B. _____ friends (v.28b).

1. The _____ of a man (i.e., “*whisperer*”).

2. The _____ of a friend.

III. The Violent Man (vv. 29-30). —*He is* _____!

The word “*violent*” means, “violence, wrong, cruelty.” This man is not only emotionally hurtful, but also physically hurtful.

- A. His _____ (v.29).

—This person has one purpose, to “get all you can get,” and “no matter what the cost! They accomplish this destruction by. . .

1. _____ (i.e., to seduce, persuade, deceive).

2. _____ (i.e., the wrong kind. In other words, to go the wrong way).

—These are the kinds of “friends” that will _____ you and then _____ you!

- B. His _____ (v.30).

1. _____.

2. _____.

IV. The Godly Man (vv. 31-32). —*He is* _____!

This man lives a . . .

- A. _____ life (v.31).

1. The _____ of an honored life (v.31a).

2. The _____ of an honored life (v.31b).

- B. Self-_____ life (v.32).

1. Controls his _____ (v.32a).

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2. Controls his *attitude* (v.32b).

Conclusion

In verse 32, we again basically find a restatement of the first verse, and we again realize the “*God Rules*” (cf. 21:31).

Life Principle #66: _____