

Wisdom for planning, Kings, and Righteous Living Proverbs 16

Various scriptures

“Honest balances and scales are the LORD’s; all the weights in the bag are his concern.”

-Proverbs 16:11

As we continue to think about planning, seeking godly wisdom and choosing the right path for our lives, why is honesty important?

*It promotes t_____ and r_____ *It helps us to g_____

*It teaches valuable lessons *It builds a good r_____

*It sets us _____ from those who are not

“Indeed, we are giving careful thought to do what is right, not only before the Lord but also before people.” -1 Corinthians 8:21

● **Wisdom for planning, kings & righteous living pt 2**

8 Better a little with righteousness than great income with injustice.

➤ Little with _____ Vs. Great income with _____

Most people view material blessing as sign of God’s _____, however having money and possessions has nothing to do with righteousness.

Although there are times when it looks like the righteous are suffering and the wicked are prospering we must make a conscience decision however to live by _____.

✓ **Righteous:** honesty, justice, faithfulness, what is right in God’s sight

✓ **Injustice:** violence, perversity, dishonesty, what is wrong in God’s sight

What is Solomon’s main point here?

True prosperity is _____ found in wealth, possessions, and rich food.

In contrast what are some examples of prosperity?

*A r_____ life *A l_____ home *l_____

➤ 1 Timothy 6:6-9

9 A person's heart plans his way, but the LORD determines his steps.

What is the main idea of this proverb?

- ✓ God allows us to make our own plans, whether they be good or bad, wise or foolish. Having said this, the Lord is still in control of the outcome of those plans.

Example of the rich fool: Luke 12:12-21

In light of this reality, what should be our approach and attitude about planning our way?

- James 4:13-16

10 God's verdict is on the lips of a king; his mouth should not give an unfair judgment.

King: Ruler

What is God's role as it relates to earthly kings?

- Daniel 2:20-21
- ✓ In the Bible there are around 250 kings mentioned including the surrounding nations outside of Israel. Historically, the kings of Israel and Judah were identified by their actions, who they worshiped and how they lived in God's sight, good or evil.

Notice the responsibility of the kings:

*To speak with w_____ and d_____.

*To provide an a_____ judgement.

As we prepare for another presidential election, what are some qualities you look for in a leader?

- Deuteronomy 17:18-20

11 Honest balances and scales are the LORD's; all the weights in the bag are his concern.

What is the main idea of this proverb?

Fair business and measures are not only pleasing to _____, but they come from _____ . Leviticus 19:35-36; Proverbs 11:1

- ✓ Building off of the previous verse, honesty and fair balances do not come from man/kings, nor does it belong to them. Because of this reality, man/kings do not have the right to manipulate, suspend or violate the laws of fairness.

Where else do we see this principle at work in the Bible?

*M _____ Genesis 2:24-25

*L _____ 1 John 4:8;19

12 Wicked behavior is detestable to kings, since a throne is established through righteousness.

What are we to learn about the kings behavior and leadership?

- ✓ Here we see the possibility of kings going astray. Sadly we live in a world where some believe that a king or leader can be immune to the consequences of wicked behavior, but God says it is _____. Deuteronomy 25:16
- ✓ Unfortunately king Solomon became a king who committed wickedness. 1 Kings 11:1-10
- ✓ Instead of a throne being established by corruption, Solomon states it is maintained by _____. Luke 12:48

Why is it important for a king to exemplify righteous behavior?

*Increase m _____

*Encourage h _____

“Let us walk with decency, as in the daytime: not in carousing and drunkenness; not in sexual impurity and promiscuity; not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires.”

-Romans 13:13

13 Righteous lips are a king’s delight, and he loves one who speaks honestly.

What are we to learn about the kings inner circle?

- ✓ They should speak what is w_____ and f_____

As it relates to communication, what are some things that a king should protect himself from?

*Those who f_____ *Those who l_____ *Those who g_____

➤ Proverbs 11:13; 12:27; 29:5

14 A king's fury is a messenger of death, but a wise person appeases it.

Kings fury, messenger of _____ Vs Wise, _____

Examples of a king's fury: Genesis 40:2; Daniel 3:13; Matthew 2:16; Acts 12:20

What are some ways we can appease someones anger?

*Yield to them Ecc. 10:4 *Stay out of their _____

*Seeking w_____ from God.

What is one thing you learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

“The world is not dangerous because of those who do harm, but because of those who look at it without doing anything.” -Albert Einstein