

Going The Right Way

Proverbs 16

The direction you are going shows the spiritual condition of your heart

A. To Go The Right Way You Need To Know The Right Way (John 14:1-6)

B. Prepare Your Way (16:1-9)

1. Get started (16:1)

2. Get focused (16:2-3)

It is about how you think

3. Get humbled (16:4-5)

You can humble yourself or get humbled

4. Get disciplined (16:6-8)

5. Get directed (16:9)

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C. Go Your Way (16:10-17)

Revelation 20:6, 2 Timothy 2:12

1. Advice for a future king (16:10-12)

2. Actions for a future king (16:13-15)

3. Aspirations for a future king (16:16-17)

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D. Watch Your Way (16:18-24)

Matthew 26:41, Ephesians 6:18, Mark 13:33

1. Watch yourself (16:18-19)

2. Watch your matters (16:20)

Psalm 112:5, 2 Timothy 2:4

3. Watch your heart (16:21-23)

4. Watch your words with wisdom

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E. Beware The Wrong Way (16:25-31)

- 1. Do not let your thinking get in the way (16:25)**
- 2. Is all you do for yourself? (16:26)**
- 3. What are your defining traits? (16:27-30)**
- 4. When you look back in the end of your life, what do you see? (16:31)**

F. Guidance For The Way (16:32-33)

- 1. Self-control (16:32)**
- 2. God's control (16:33)**

The Aversions Of The Unrighteous

Proverbs 17

Disdain for right destines a life for wrong

I. Aversion To Contentment (17:1-3)

Proverbs 17:1-3

1 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.

2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

3 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

A. Strife over quietness (17:1)

B. Shame over inheritance (17:2)

C. Self over surrender (17:3)

II. Aversion To Right Speaking (17:4-9)

A. Listens to wrong (17:4)

Proverbs 17:4

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

B. Mocks the unfortunate (17:5)

Proverbs 17:5

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

C. Sets a bad example (17:6)

Proverbs 17:6

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

II. Aversion To Right Speaking (17:4-9)

D. Not in his makeup (17:7)

Proverbs 17:7

Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

E. Manipulates others through bribery (17:8)

Proverbs 17:8

A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

F. Cannot stop talking (17:9)

Proverbs 17:9

He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

III. Aversion To Right Doing (17:10-16)

A. Regardless the correction (17:10)

Proverbs 17:10

A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

B. At every opportunity (17:11-12)

Proverbs 17:11-12

11 An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

III. Aversion To Right Doing (17:10-16)

C. Even when confronted with good (17:13-14)

Proverbs 17:13-14

13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

D. Blind to justice (17:15)

Proverbs 17:15

He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.

III. Aversion To Right Doing (17:10-16)

E. Even when handed to him (17:16)

Proverbs 17:16

Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?

IV. Aversion To Relationships (17:17-21)

A. When someone needs help (17:17)

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

B. Agrees to anything (17:18)

Proverbs 17:18

A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

IV. Aversion To Relationships (17:17-21)

C. Finds no good in anything (17:19-20)

Proverbs 17:19-20

19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

D. No concern of impact on others (17:21)

Proverbs 17:21

He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

V. Aversion To Peace (17:22-26)

A. In heart (17:22)

Proverbs 17:22

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

B. In justice (17:23)

Proverbs 17:23

A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

V. Aversion To Peace (17:22-26)

C. In mind (17:24)

Proverbs 17:24

Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

D. In family (17:25)

Proverbs 17:25

A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

V. Aversion To Peace (17:22-26)

E. In retribution (17:26)

Proverbs 17:26

Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity.

VI. Aversion To Discretion (17:27-28)

Proverbs 17:27-28

27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.