

# **The Aversions Of The Unrighteous**

## **Proverbs 17**

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### **A. Aversion To Contentment (17:1-3)**

- 1. Strife over quietness (17:1)**
- 2. Shame over inheritance (17:2)**
- 3. Self over surrender (17:3)**

### **B. Aversion To Right Speaking (17:4-9)**

- 1. Listens to wrong (17:4)**
- 2. Mocks the unfortunate (17:5)**
- 3. Sets a bad example (17:6)**
- 4. Not in his makeup (17:7)**
- 5. Manipulates others through bribery (17:8)**
- 6. Cannot stop talking (17:9)**

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### **C. Aversion To Right Doing (17:10-16)**

- 1. Regardless the correction (17:10)**
- 2. At every opportunity (17:11-12)**
- 3. Even when confronted with good (17:13-14)**
- 4. Blind to justice (17:15)**
- 5. Even when handed to him (17:16)**

### **D. Aversion To Relationships (17:17-21)**

- 1. When someone needs help (17:17)**
- 2. Agrees to anything (17:18)**
- 3. Finds no good in anything (17:19-20)**
- 4. No concern of impact on others (17:21)**

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### **E. Aversion To Peace (17:22-26)**

- 1. In heart (17:22)**
- 2. In justice (17:23)**
- 3. In mind (17:24)**
- 4. In family (17:25)**
- 5. In retribution (17:26)**

### **F. Aversion To Discretion (17:27-28)**

# **Defining Traits**

## **Proverbs 18**

**Our actions declare our traits**

**John 13:35**

**By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if  
ye have love one to another.**

# **I. Choices (18:1-3)**

## **Proverbs 3:31**

**Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his  
ways.**

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## **Proverbs 18:1-3**

**1 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.**

**2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.**

**3 When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.**

## **II. Conversation (18:4-8)**

**1 Timothy 4:12**

**Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.**

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### **Proverbs 18:4-8**

**4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.**

**5 It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.**

**6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.**

**7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.**

**8 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.**



### **III. Commitment (18:9-12)**

**Luke 6:45**

**A good man out of the good treasure of his heart  
bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out  
of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that  
which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his  
mouth speaketh.**

### **III. Commitment (18:9-12)**

#### **Proverbs 18:9-12**

**9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.**

**10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.**

**11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.**

**12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.**

## **IV. Consideration (18:13-16)**

### **Psalm 64:9-10**

**9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.**

**10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.**

## **IV. Consideration (18:13-16)**

### **Proverbs 18:13-16**

**13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.**

**14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?**

**15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.**

**16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.**

# **V. Cause (18:17-19)**

## **Lamentations 3:36**

**To subvert a man in his cause, the LORD approveth not.**

## **V. Cause (18:17-19)**

### **Proverbs 18:17-19**

**17 He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.**

**18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.**

**19 A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.**

## **VI. Consequence (18:20-21)**

### **Deuteronomy 30:19**

**I call heaven and earth to record this day against you,  
that I have set before you life and death, blessing and  
cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy  
seed may live**

## **VI. Consequence (18:20-21)**

### **Proverbs 18:20-21**

**20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.**

**21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.**



## **VII. Companions (18:22-24)**

### **Proverbs 13:20**

**He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.**

## **VII. Companions (18:22-24)**

### **Proverbs 18:22-24**

**22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.**

**23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.**

**24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.**