

The Aversions Of The Unrighteous

Proverbs 17

Disdain for right destines a life for wrong

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.**

I. Choices (18:1-3)

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.

II. Conversation (18:4-8)

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.