

What Not To Do

Proverbs 20

What We Do Or What We Not Do Define Us

A. Do Not Provoke (20:1-4)

Exodus 23:21

- 1. By losing your sense of knowing (20:1)**
- 2. By losing respect for others (20:2)**
- 3. By losing your sense of honor (20:3)**
- 4. By losing your willingness to work (20:4)**

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B. Do Not Pretend (20:5-11)

Galatians 6:3-4

- 1. Must have understanding (20:5)**
- 2. Must have faithfulness (20:6)**
- 3. Must have integrity (20:7)**
- 4. Must see as God sees (20:8)**
- 5. Must eliminate self-righteousness (20:9)**
- 6. Must treat everyone equally (20:10)**
- 7. Must learn the lesson of the child (20:11)**

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C. Do Not Presume (20:12-17)

Mark 8:17-18

- 1. You are who you think you are (20:12)**
- 2. You need to use the abilities God has given you (20:13)**
- 3. That what you get by any means is right (20:14)**
- 4. That riches are better than knowledge (20:15)**
- 5. That you will escape if you get involved with the wrong people (20:16)**
- 6. That all things that taste good are good (20:17)**

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D. Do Not Prattle (20:18-22)

Proverbs 11:12-14

- 1. Live with purpose (20:18)**
- 2. Live in truth (20:19)**
- 3. Live in respect (20:20-22)**
 - a. Of your heritage (v 20)**
 - b. Of your inheritance (v 21)**
 - c. Of your Lord (v 22)**

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E. Do Not Prefer (20:23-25)

James 2:1

- 1. Some people over others (20:23)**
- 2. Your way over God's way (20:24)**
- 3. Rash decisions that you have to reconsider (20:25)**

F. Do Not Put Out Of Mind (20:26-30)

2 Peter 1:10-12

- 1. Spiritual responsibilities (20:26-27)**
- 2. Spiritual blessings (20:28-29)**
- 3. Spiritual cleansing (20:30)**

The Sovereignty Of God

Proverbs 21

God is in control

I. The Sovereignty of God (21:1-3)

Proverbs 21:1-3

1 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

3 To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

A. Over the heart of the nation (21:1)

B. Over the heart of individuals (21:2)

C. His standard (21:3)

II. The Sinfulness of Man (21:4-8) (Ruin)

A. It starts with a bad attitude (21:4)

Proverbs 21:4

An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

B. It continues with bad thinking (21:5)

Proverbs 21:5

The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.

II. The Sinfulness of Man (21:4-8) (Ruin)

C. It continues with bad actions (21:6-7)

Proverbs 21:6-7

6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.

D. It consummates with a bad life (21:8)

Proverbs 21:8

The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right.

III. The Setting of Wickedness (21:9-13)

A. Stay away (21:9-10)

Proverbs 21:9-10

9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

III. The Setting of Wickedness (21:9-13)

B. Stay aware (21:11-13)

Proverbs 21:11-13

11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

12 The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness.

13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

IV. The Satisfaction of Right Actions (21:14-15)

Proverbs 21:14-15

14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

15 It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

A. Peace (21:14)

B. Joy (21:15)

V. The Slide of Wrong Actions (21:16-19)

Proverbs 21:16-19

16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

A. Deviates (21:16)

B. Desires (21:17)

C. Defeat (21:18-19)

VI. The Situation of The Righteous (21:20-23)

A. Ample supply (21:20)

Proverbs 21:20

There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

B. Ample solace (21:21)

Proverbs 21:21

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

VI. The Situation of The Righteous (21:20-23)

C. Ample strength (21:22)

Proverbs 21:22

A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

D. Ample salvation (21:23)

Proverbs 21:23

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

VII. The Situation of The Wicked (21:24-29)

A. Scorning (21:24)

Proverbs 21:24

Proud and haughty scorner is his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

B. Slothful (21:25-26)

Proverbs 21:25-26

25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

VII. The Situation of The Wicked (21:24-29)

C. Sanctimonious (21:27-29)

Proverbs 21:28-29

27 The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but as for the upright, he directeth his way.

VIII. The Superiority of God (21:30-31)

Proverbs 21:30-31

30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord.

A. In Wisdom

B. In Strength

**Is God
Sovereign In
Your Life?**