

The Path of Avoiding Evil

Ps. 1:1-3 “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”

Prov. 1:15-19 “my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths, for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood. ¹⁷For in vain is a net spread in the sight of any bird, ¹⁸but these men lie in wait for their own blood; they set an ambush for their own lives. ¹⁹Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors.”

Prov. 3:5-7 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ⁷Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. ⁸It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.”

Prov. 3:29 “Do not plan evil against your neighbor, who dwells trustingly beside you”

Prov. 4:10-27 “Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. ¹¹I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. ¹²When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. ¹³Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. ¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. ¹⁵Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. ¹⁶For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. ¹⁹The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. ²²For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. ²³Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. ²⁴Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. ²⁵Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. ²⁶Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. ²⁷Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.”

Prov. 6:12-19 “A worthless person, a wicked man, goes about with crooked speech, ¹³winks with his eyes, signals with his feet, points with his finger, ¹⁴with perverted heart devises evil, continually sowing discord; ¹⁵therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing. ¹⁶There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: ¹⁷haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, ¹⁹a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.”

Prov. 6:24 “to preserve you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adulteress.”

Prov. 11:19 “Whoever is steadfast in righteousness will live, but he who pursues evil will die.”

Prov. 16:6 “By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.”

Prov. 16:17-20 “The highway of the upright turns aside from evil; whoever guards his way preserves his life. ¹⁸Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. ¹⁹It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud. ²⁰Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.

Prov. 16:27-30 A worthless man plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire. ²⁸A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends. ²⁹A man of violence entices his neighbor and leads him in a way that is not good.

³⁰Whoever winks his eyes plans dishonest things; he who purses his lips brings evil to pass.”

Prov. 23:21 “or the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags.”

Prov. 24:1 “Be not envious of evil men, nor desire to be with them,”

Prov. 25:26 “Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.”

Acts 3:19 “Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

1 Cor. 15:33 “Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals”

1 Pt 2:1 “So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.”

1 Pt 3:9-12 “Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”