

# Good and Evil

## Lesson 9 – Proverbs

### Proverbs 1.7

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Proverbs is a book of contrasts. The key to doing good lies in the fear of the Lord. When we respect God, our life will be filled with blessing and hopeful expectation of the life to come. When we reject God and embrace evil, we set self up for trouble and heartache. In this lesson we want to examine the great contrast between good and evil. Which will you embrace?

### RESPECTING GOD BREEDS CONFIDENCE

1.7, 9.10 – *the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is the \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom.*

How would many in today's culture view the wisdom that God offers through scripture?

Has this attitude crept into the church? How?

14.26 – How can respecting God bring confidence to our life?

Describe how you see "confidence" in these scriptures:

15.16 –

29.25 –

15.33 –

8.11, 18 –

### WHAT IT MEANS TO FEAR GOD

*We must \_\_\_\_\_ evil - 8.13*

23.17 – how can we envy sinners today? What steps can we take to guard against this? See 22.3-4.

16.6 – *we must \_\_\_\_\_ from evil...*

*We must \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord – 3.3-5*

14.12 – *There is a way that seems \_\_\_\_\_ to a man but its end is the way to \_\_\_\_\_.*

Can you think of another Old Testament passage in Isaiah that teaches a similar principle found in 14.12?

*We must treasure God's commandments – 2.1-5.*

What happens when we keep God's commandments?

2.5 –

19.16 –

14.2 –

### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE EMBRACE EVIL**

*We \_\_\_\_\_ good sense – 23.9*

*Some go as far to say that there is no \_\_\_\_\_ - 14.1*

Do you see a connection between 14.1 and 1 Corinthians 1.27-29? What is it?  
See also 1 Corinthians 1.18-21; 3.18-21.

*We \_\_\_\_\_ at sin – 14.9*

Explain the contrast of attitudes between 14.9 and Psalm 19.13.

### **PROVERBS PRESENTS US WITH TWO DISTINCT DESTINIES**

*Those who fear God will find \_\_\_\_\_ - 3.13-18.*

What are the benefits of serving God as explained in the following Proverbs?

3.1-4 –

10.27 –

19.23 –

*28.14 – those who harden their hearts will fall into \_\_\_\_\_.*

13.13 – those who reject God choose what?

1.24-33 – what principle do we see communicated in these verses? Compare with Galatians 6.7-8.