

FOOL PROOF

THE WISDOM OF PROVERBS



Wise Heart Renovation

Proverbs 21

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PLAN

40 DAYS
— *to a* —
HEALTHIER
LIFE

- **My heart, left to itself will naturally gravitate toward foolishness**
- **We often build internal worlds where we are convinced that we know the best way to live and gain happiness and purpose**
 - **We believe our hearts will never lead us astray**
- **The Bible has lots to say about our hearts- over 300 times talking about our hearts!**
 - **The picture of our hearts is not what we should be following- they are not leadership material!**

- **Our hearts are presented as the seat of our emotions, will & desires**

- **Following our damaged hearts is so dangerous**

Proverbs 21:1

1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.

- **If anyone would be free to follow his heart, it would be the king!**
- **This Proverb reminds us God is supreme over every heart**
- **God is accomplishing his will in all things, in all people**
- **God's authority trumps all other authorities**
- **We have choices to make; in particular, to align our choices with God's heart**
- **God's sovereignty is big enough to include our choices**

- **Whatever power we have our biggest concern is to use is as effectively as possible for Gods' glory and the advancement of the Kingdom**

- **Submit your plans and authority to God**
- **Know and love Jesus more than anything**
- **Take the next logical step by faith**
- **Work and live like God is using you to accomplish his works**
- **Ask God to use you for eternal purposes**

Proverbs 21:2

2 Every man's way is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.

- **Our hearts need a makeover because we are convinced that we are right**
- **Even when I do examine my heart, I lie to myself!**
- **Our hearts are “pathologically selfish”**
- **We need to be saved from our hearts!**

Proverbs 21:4

4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart, The lamp of the wicked, is sin.

- **This person is convinced he is the end of the decision making process**
- **Their light for life comes from inside of them**
- **We as believers must reject in us anything in us that tells us that God doesn't have anything to say about _____**

Proverbs 21:6

6 The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.

- **Ways= natural way of thinking; his regular way is crooked**
- **Where are your heart and plans crooked?**
- **Believers can have some residue of this crookedness in them, but we shouldn't be known as people who are regularly crooked**

Proverbs 21:16

**16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding
Will rest in the assembly of the dead.**

- **Not a one-time wandering; a way of life**
- **A conscious decision to look away from God's compass only to later discover we are miles off course**
- **Are you paying attention? where are you looking away from God and ending up in a foreign, deadly place?**

Proverbs 21:25-26

**25 The desire of the sluggard puts him to death,
For his hands refuse to work; 26 All day long he
is craving, While the righteous gives and does not
hold back.**

- **Our hearts are full of all kinds of cravings and desires**
- **The word means to crave greedily; desiring to desire**
- **The lazy heart is in danger because it is content with desiring things**
- **Consumed with desire he craves himself to death**
- **He wants and gets and keeps everything for himself**

- **The righteous person works hard for what he wants, but he's not consumed by wanting or getting**
- **She's looking for someone to give it to- with extravagant generosity!**
- **She's life-giving and joy fills her heart over and over bc her heart is renovated and not ruled by things, now ruled by new desires to bless God and others with things!**
- **My heart needs a daily re-ordering and renovation**

- **The person being renovated with wisdom:**
 - **Doesn't tell God how to be God in your heart**
 - **Doesn't trust your unregenerate or unsubmitive heart**
 - **Is diligent to pursue God's whole work in your heart**
 - **Trusts and rests in the blessing of God's heart-renovating work**



Wisdom:
Love your heart
and be unsubmissive

