

God's Wisdom for Our Lives – Week 5

The Source of Our Sin is From Within

Review

1. Over-Arching Theme of Proverbs: Wisdom
 - a. The foundation of Biblical wisdom: The fear of the LORD (Prov 1:7, 9:10, 31:30)
 - i. “Lord, I trust you, and what you say goes, no matter what”.
2. The fear of the Lord leads to godliness in everyday life.
3. Key Theme: There are only two ways to live

There is a way to life. That way is called wisdom, which is living in reference to God, in the fear of the Lord. There is a way to death. That way is called folly, which is rejecting or living without reference to God.

4. Key Theme: Don't Follow Your Heart – Lead It!

Key Theme: The Source of Our Sin is From Within

5. Why is it important for us to understand the source of our sin?
6. What might happen if we misunderstand the source of our sin or misdiagnose the cause of it?
7. What do we naturally/normally identify as the cause of our sin?
8. Why is this relevant for us?

Read Proverbs 4:23

9. What is the command given to us in verse 23?
 - a. How are we to do this?
10. According to verse 23, why are we to do this?
 - a. What are the “springs of life”?
 - b. What is this saying to us?

Read Proverbs 27:19

11. Explain Proverbs 27:19

Read Mark 7:15-23

12. According to Jesus, what is the source of our sin? (vs 21)

13. According to Jesus, what are the things outside of you that can cause you to sin (vs 15, vs 18)

14. Discuss the comprehensiveness of the list of sins in verses 21-23... how does this instruct us?

Read James 1:13-14

15. According to James, what causes us to be carried away and enticed?

16. What's the relationship between temptation and desire?

17. Discuss the following statement:

“External temptation may be necessary for us to outwardly sin, but it is not sufficient to cause us to sin.”

18. How does this discussion today inform the way we address the sin in our lives?

a. What solution does the bible point to for the problem of our sin?

19. Let's get practical... What are the situations when you find it natural to blame others or your circumstances for your sin, rather than acknowledging that your heart needs to change?