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The Life of the Righteous and the Way of the Wicked

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Romans 3:9-12

9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all;
for we have already charged that both Jews and

Greeks are all under sin;

10 as it is written,

“There is none righteous, not even one;
11 There is none who understands,
There is none who seeks for God;
12 All have turned aside, together they have become useless;
There is none who does good,
There is not even one.”



Romans 3:13-18

“Their throat is an open grave,
With their tongues they keep deceiving,”
“The poison of asps is under their lips”;
“Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness”;
“Their feet are swift to shed blood,
Destruction and misery are in their paths,
And the path of peace they have not known.”
“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”



Proverbs 1:28-32

“Then they will call on me, but I will not answer;
They will seek me diligently but they will not find me,
Because they hated knowledge
And did not choose the fear of the Lord.
“They would not accept my counsel,
They spurned all my reproof.
“So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way
And be satiated with their own devices.
“For the waywardness of the naive will kill them,
And the complacency of fools will destroy them.



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- How does one become righteous if all are wicked?



Proverbs 1:33

“But he who listens to me shall live securely and will be at ease from the dread of evil.”



Habakkuk 2:4

“Behold, as for the proud one,
His soul is not right within him;

But the righteous will live by his faith.



Psalm 1:6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.



Proverbs 9:9

Give instruction to a wise man and
he will be still wiser,
Teach a righteous man and
he will increase his learning.



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29:27 An unjust man is abominable to the righteous, and
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Leadership:

28:12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory,
But when the wicked rise, men hide themselves.

28:28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves;
But when they perish, the righteous increase.

29:2 When the righteous increase, the people rejoice,
But when a wicked man rules, people groan.

29:16 When the wicked increase, transgression increases;
But the righteous will see their fall.



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James 5:19-20 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.



Acts 3:19

Therefore, repent and return,

so that your sins may be wiped away,

in order that times of refreshing may come

from the presence of the Lord;

Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
And let him return to the Lord,
And He will have compassion on him,
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.

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But he who confesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion.



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25:26 *Like* a trampled spring and a polluted well
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Resilience: Being able to keep going.

24:15-16 Do not lie in wait, O wicked man,
against the dwelling of the righteous;
Do not destroy his resting place;
16 For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again,
But the wicked stumble in *time of* calamity.



Boldness:

28:1 The wicked flee when no one is pursuing,

but the righteous are bold as a lion.



Reap What You Sow:

14:32 The wicked is thrust down by his wrongdoing,
But the righteous has a refuge when he dies.



Legacy:

10:7 The memory of the righteous is blessed,

but the name of the wicked will rot.



Eternal Life:

8:35 “For he who finds me finds life

and obtains favor from the Lord.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him,

“I am the way,

and the truth,

and the life;

no one comes to the Father but through Me.

