



***"Like a trampled spring and a polluted well
is a righteous man who
gives way before the wicked."***

Proverbs 25:26 (nasb)

Do you have some ongoing drama in your life? We probably all do to some extent. There is so much injustice in this sinful, fallen world that it becomes easy to get entangled. But King Solomon's wise words to us are to not become like a spring of fresh water that is trampled in, or like a well that's had some pollution thrown in.

As believers who have accepted God's free gift of salvation, we have been given living water in Christ Jesus. Look at John 7:38 which says, ***"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.' "***

Living, life giving, clear, clean water. Not polluted, not trampled in mud holes. So what can make the difference between a mud hole and fresh water? Not giving way to the wickedness around us. Whether its allowing their drama to become our drama, or worse, we start participating in the drama. We aren't to give way to wicked.

Here's a partial definition from The Dictionary of Biblical Languages:

Gives way - 1. מוֹתֵן (*mōṭ*): v.= *slip, totter, stagger, quake, shake, i.e., make random motions which may result in an object falling, implying lack of motor control due to weakness or other;*

2. *fail, formally, fall or stagger, i.e., be in an inadequate state (Pr 25:26)*

When we give in to the drama around us, we falter in our following of Christ. We follow the drama instead of following God's way, and in the process we fall. We slip. We totter, and yes, even shake, as if their drama had power over us. The only power it will ever have is what we give it! Our polluted water can splash on to others, causing another object (or person) to fall. When we give way, we are seriously in an "inadequate state" to handle the situation. But, because of a relationship with God, we don't have to give way, Ladies!

If our eyes are firmly fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, we will not be shaken, we will not be moved. His Spirit can empower us to handle any and all of it. And instead of being sucked into the putrid stuff flowing around us, we can remain in clear, clean water.

When we allow the drama to be bigger than life, our perspective becomes skewed. That's when we need to take a step back and see if we can't see it from God's perspective. See if there's not something better that He can help us focus on. If we're not to give way to the wickedness around us, what are we to do? Pray in every instance. Asking for wisdom in how to handle the situation. Stand firm. Be steadfast in our faith, and watch for God to lead our next step. Proverbs 3:21-23 says, **"My son, let them not vanish from your sight; Keep sound wisdom and discretion, So they will be life to your soul and adornment to your neck. Then you will walk in your way securely and your foot will not stumble."** (nasb)

"Sound wisdom and discretion" I can tell you from experience that those creating the wickedness and drama are NOT the ones who have sound wisdom and discretion, so don't look to their words as if they are true. When I have been the one creating the drama, there was no wisdom, and certainly no discretion. Only God's Word, and those who are following His words are the ones to seek wisdom and discretion from. Choose wisely whom you listen to for from it may flow either clear, clean water, or a mud hole it's hard to escape from.

Father, in Your Son we have been made righteous. We have been filled with springs of living water, and there is no pollution, nothing to harm or infect us in it. But this world offers plenty of wickedness to spoil it. Help us to not give way to the wickedness and drama but rather to stand firm in Christ, with wisdom and discretion ever before us. May You receive glory in the process. In Christ's blessed name, Amen.