

Sanity – Proverbs 11: 3-11 Living Out The Righteousness of Christ in Me

Memory Verse Review:

Proverbs 1 – Wisdom begins at the feet of Jesus. We need the wisdom of the Lord.

Proverbs 1:7 – *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

Proverbs 8 – Wisdom requires humility. We are a people who hate pride in our own hearts and pursue humility. Proverbs 22:4 – *Humility, the fear of the Lord, results in wealth, honor, and life.*

Proverbs 12 – Wise people are truth tellers.

Proverbs 12:19 – *Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue, only a moment.*

Proverbs 4 – Walking the straight path with Christ.

Proverbs 4:26 – *Carefully consider the path for your feet, and all your ways will be established.*

Proverbs 11 – Christ – the Wisdom of God living in me.

Proverbs 12:28 – *There is life in the path of righteousness, but another path leads to death.*

Opening - Ask:

Were there any particular points that really spoke to you? (Let the class discuss for a couple of minutes, share something yourself.)

Relating the Truths to Understanding

As Kenneth explained, our behavior is determined by our character. Our character is seen by the world in the way we behave. We need to understand who we are in Christ so our behavior will reflect Him.

Ask:

What is the Biblical evidence of our positional righteousness? How is it possible to have a right standing with God? See Romans 3:22, 4:5, 5:19, 10:4; 1 Cor 1:30; 2 Cor 5:21; Phil 3:9

Can you provide specific examples of how your behavior should be influenced by the awareness of your positional righteousness? i.e. we experience God's rest and peace (Romans 5:1), we consider His will and glory over our own...etc.

What is the Biblical evidence of our practical righteousness? How do we live out the righteousness that we have in Christ? See Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 6:11; Eph. 4:1; Titus 2:11-12; 1 John 2:6

Can you provide specific examples of how your behavior should be influenced by the awareness of your practical righteousness? i.e. we live self-controlled, upright and Godly lives (Titus 2:12)

Relating the Truths to Our Hearts

Since our practical righteousness is living out who we already are in Christ, how should our behavior be impacted?

Ask:

How does righteous living direct our steps? (11: 3, 5) Can you provide specific examples of righteousness directing your behavior or decision making? Can you think of a time when you made a decision that you knew was the right decision? You knew the decision was God's will for you? Proverbs 3:5-6

Conversely, can you think of a time when you did not rely on God's leading and you made a wrong decision? Perhaps you were led astray, you found yourself on the wrong path? Proverbs 11:3, 5

Ask:

How does righteous living rescue us from deadly consequences?

When we live out our practical righteousness, we are saved from the negative consequences of sin. Just like Noah, Haman and Daniel, God honored their righteous (obedient) living. Can you think of other biblical examples of righteous behavior that saved someone? i.e. Job, see Job 42:12.

Ask:

How does our righteousness impact our neighbors and the nations? Can you think of ways in which our behavior has an impact in our individual communities? i.e. our leadership in our family, in our work, in our school?

How does our righteousness have an impact on the Great Commission? Our behavior and encounters with others should always be able to point others to Christ. Can you think of ways to impact your neighbors and the nations?

Impact Point: Display God's wisdom, by living out the righteousness of Christ in you.