

# THE RIGHTEOUS

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**The righteous will live by faith**

**Day 1**

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## **Hebrews 10:38**

*But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."*

For those who are righteous, the principle in their life is faith, instead of pride that looks to self. True faith looks outside of self unto the LORD God, while pride always look to self.

We are called to live by faith and nothing else. Some Christians live by devotions, some by works, some by feelings, some by circumstances and so on. Each of these is meaningless and perhaps dangerous without faith. God is not pleased if we shrink back.

## **Application**

Read and meditate on Hebrews chapter 11.

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**The righteous will flourish like a palm tree**

**Day 2**

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## **Psalm 92:12**

*The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon.*

The wicked have their season of flourishing, but the righteous shall flourish like the ever-green palm tree. The wicked should understand that this world provides the best they will ever experience, and the righteous should know that this world provides the worst they will experience.

When we see a noble palm standing erect, sending all its strength upward in one bold column, and growing amid the dearth and drought of the desert, we have a fine picture of the godly man, who in his uprightness aims alone at the glory of God; and, independent of outward circumstances, is made by divine grace to live and thrive where all things else perish.

The cedar trees of Lebanon were known for their size, strength, durability, beauty, and usefulness. The blessings to come upon the righteous bring the same attributes.

### **Application**

Think about few worst situation you faced in life and praise God for his blessings because you were righteous.

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### **The righteous will hold to their ways**

**Day 3**

### **Job 17:9**

*Nevertheless, the righteous will hold to their ways, and those with clean hands will grow stronger.*

In this scripture, Job added a final, emphatic point, declaring the victory of the righteous. Even in his crisis, he had flashes of faith that lit up the night of his misery.

This victory comes in endurance, as the righteous will hold to his way. Job would himself experience this victory as he endured through his severe and long season of crisis.

This victory comes in progression, as he who has clean hands will be stronger and stronger. Job's situation did not get better in an instant. There were flashes of inspiration and clarity, but overall God brought him through the crisis in a prolonged experience.

### **Application**

What are some key convictions according to you a righteous person need to have? List down those and pray through it that God can lead you powerfully.

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### **The memory of the righteous will be a blessing**

**Day 4**

### **Proverbs 10:7**

*The memory of the righteous will be a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.*

So far as this world is concerned, every one of us will soon cease to be a man, and be no more than a memory. Every man leaves behind him some kind of a memory; and it depends entirely on what the man has been as to what the memory shall be. There are memories that do rot; those that dwell on them, and take a delight in them.

However short life may be, it is long enough for a man to do something that will leave a memory in the world which, when he is gone, shall be a blessing to other men. Every man and woman can choose if they will be remembered to praise or remembered to shame.

### **Application**

What do you think people can talk about you? What are some changes that you have to make to make it a blessing memory? Pray through it.

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## **The righteous will never be uprooted**

**Day 5**

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### **Proverbs 10:30**

*The righteous will never be uprooted, but the wicked will not remain in the land.*

God's righteous men and women have a wonderful future to look forward to, secure and immovable. They may be hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed (2 Corinthians 4:8).

Righteous shall never be removed from the love of God, out of the hands of Christ and out of the family of God. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? (Romans 8:35)

### **Application**

Pray through all your hardships / persecutions you are facing in your life.

**1 Peter 3:12**

*For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."*

The righteous man ever attracts the Divine notice, and wherever he is, there is the ear of God; for, as every righteous man is a man of prayer, wherever he prays, there is the ear of God, into which the prayer, as soon as formed, enters.

He is continually under God's notice and his care; God continually watches for him and watches over him, and he is under his constant protection.

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. (2 Chronicles 16:9)

**Application**

Take time to thank God for his attention towards you. Remember all your answered prayers and give thanks to God.

**James 5:16**

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

When God designs to do some particular work in his Church he pours out on his followers the spirit of grace and supplication; and this he does sometimes when he is about to do some special work for an individual.

When such a power of prayer is granted, faith should be immediately called into exercise, that the blessing may be given: the spirit of prayer is the proof that the power of God is present to heal. Long prayers give no particular evidence of Divine inspiration.

**Application**

Share your life with someone and pray with them.

**Isaiah 57:1**

*The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil.*

Carrying on the rebuke of Judah's leaders from the previous chapter, the LORD speaks to the persecution of the righteous. Though the righteous were ignored and persecuted by the wicked leaders of Judah, God would not forsake them. When they perished, when merciful men were taken away, God used it to bless the righteous, to take them away from evil and to allow them to enter into peace.

The godly found rest and peace, and the ungodly went into captivity, and some of them were killed. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. (Psalm 116:15)

**Application**

In your prayer time, remember the people who were persecuted and were killed because of righteousness.

**Psalm 34:19**

*A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;*

The life of faith and obedience will not exempt the child of God from trouble. If we trust God and call on Him, the Lord can see us through our troubles and make them a blessing to us.

The assurance is that God is near us when our hearts are broken and our spirits are crushed, whether we feel like it or not. This is not a promise with conditions attached to it; it is a fact. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:10)

**Application**

What is troubling your heart today? What do you want God to do about those troubles? Pray for a surrendering heart to God's will.

**Proverbs 15:6**

*The house of the righteous contains great treasure, but the income of the wicked brings them trouble.*

The treasure in the house of the righteous isn't only material; the greater treasure is spiritual. Every righteous man is a rich man, whether he hath more or less of the things of this life.

Even what the wicked man or woman earns can be a problem. Instead of treasure, they have trouble. Though he may obtain great revenues, yet they are attended with much trouble.

**Application**

What kind of treasure that you are focused on? List out some spiritual treasure which you would like to possess and how you would be working towards attaining it.

**Proverbs 29:7**

*The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.*

One mark of the righteous man or woman is that they care for the poor. It is more than the response of feelings of pity; he considers the cause of the poor. It is thoughtful compassion in action.

Those who are wicked, rebellious against God and His wisdom, can't even understand such compassion. Since it doesn't directly serve their self-interest, they can't understand it. His ignorance and lack of understanding is not an intellectual defect but the expression of an evil perversion.

**Application**

Plan to do something for the poor.

**Proverbs 10:24**

*What the wicked dreads will overtake him; what the righteous desire will be granted.*

The wicked man or woman knows that all is not right, and that their day of accountability will come. They therefore live in fear and these fears will one day come upon them.

The righteous man or woman also has a sense of what is to come, but it is rightly filled with optimism and hope. Their godly desire will be granted. The desire of the righteous ends only in good, but the hope of the wicked only in wrath. (Proverbs 11:23)

**Application**

List down the desires that you have and pray to God through it.

**Proverbs 29:27**

*The righteous detest the dishonest; the wicked detest the upright.*

If we don't detest the dishonest then we are not righteous. If we are hated because we are righteous, then those who hate us are not righteous.

The righteous hate the wicked, for they cannot stand the vile spirit and actions of the wicked; their hatred is of evil men and their evil actions. But the wicked hate the righteous for their good deeds; their hatred is of good men and good actions.

As the physician hates the disease, but loves the patient, and strives to recover him – he abhors that which is evil, perfectly hates it.

**Application**

Think about a person who is not doing what is right. Take time to help him/her to come out of his unrighteousness.

**Proverbs 11:9**

*With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape.*

One of the identifying marks of the hypocrite is that they destroy people with their words. Sincere love looks to build others up, not to destroy them.

God's deliverance comes to the righteous through their knowledge, both in the sense of wisdom and in the sense of personal relationship with God.

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. (James 1:26)

**Application**

If you have hurt anyone with your words recently, go and reconcile with them.

**Proverbs 13:25**

*The righteous eat to their hearts' content, but the stomach of the wicked goes hungry.*

The righteous is blessed with a sufficient competency to live upon; and he is contented with what he has, and uses it moderately; he has enough to eat, and is contented with his portion, and eats no more than sufficeth; he eats to the satisfying of his appetite, and no more; he does not indulge to luxury and excess.

But the belly of the wicked shall want; not only spiritual food, which he has no appetite for, but physical food; he shall starve in the midst of plenty, not having a heart to put that food into his mouth, and fill his belly with it.

**Application**

Thank God for blessing you with food that you eat.



**Proverbs 12:12**

*The wicked desire the plunder of evil men, but the root of the righteous flourishes.*

It is in the nature of the wicked to covet what others have, even if it is the plunder of evil men. In this they sin in the covetousness and the longing for what has been gained by evil men.

God's righteous men and woman don't need to covet the plunder of evil men, because they are like fruit bearing trees. This comes from their very root, from who they are.

In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more. (Psalms 72:7)

**Application**

Share your blessings to someone / give a gift to someone.

**Psalm 37:21**

*The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously;*

The wicked are takers, borrowing and not repaying. Partly because he will not, but mainly because he cannot. Want follows upon waste, and debt remains undischarged. Often are the wicked thus impoverished in this life.

The righteous are givers, full of mercy. He is generous and prosperous. He is not a borrower, but a giver. So far as the good man can do it, he lends an ear to the requests of need, and instead of being impoverished by what he imparts, he grows richer, and is able to do more.

**Application**

Anything that you have to give/pay back. Do it at the earliest.

**Psalm 37:16**

*Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked;*

Since whatever the wicked has cannot last, the little that the righteous man has is better than all that the wicked possess. A God-trusting, righteous life is the best long-term investment strategy.

His blessing can multiply a mite into a talent, but his curse will shrink a talent to a mite. A man's happiness consists not in the heaps of gold which he has in store.

**Application**

Remember all your blessings and show your gratitude to God.

**Proverbs 13:5**

*The righteous hate what is false, but the wicked bring shame and disgrace.*

The righteous man or woman doesn't just love truth and avoid the lie; they actually hate lying. Being godly, they have some of the love of the truth and hatred of the lie that God Himself has.

The wicked men and women love the lie, and this brings them shame and disgrace. The wicked are loathsome and abominable, being very corrupt in principle and practice.

**Application**

If we have lied recently let us rectify it.

**Proverbs 10:11**

*The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.*

A righteous man or woman speaks life-giving words, most often to others and sometimes to one's self. Flowing well water is particularly precious and people gather around it. The open, benevolent speech of the righteous is just as necessary for a community, offering everyone abundant life—temporal, intellectual, moral, and spiritual.

The wicked man or woman brings harm and hurt with their words. They take away life.

**Application**

Do your best to say positive things to whomever you meet today. Speak to them with encouraging words.

**Proverbs 12:10**

*A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.*

God cares for the animals. The righteous or godly man will also show care and compassion to his animal. There is a true sense in which the animal is his, and God gives him authority of the animal; but he is to exercise that authority with care and compassion.

The scripture teaches that a good man cares for those who provide for him, even if they are only animals. The wicked only exploit.

**Application**

If you have pets show extra kindness to them. If you don't have pets give food to some animal which you see frequently.

**Proverbs 29:6**

*An evil man is snared by his own sin, but a righteous one can sing and be glad.*

A man may be evil in his character, yet it is his actual acts of sin that ruin him. Most evil men think they are celebrating life and freedom through their sin, but it will be a trap and a snare to them.

If sin belongs to the evil man, then singing and rejoicing belong to the righteous. The singing and rejoicing is an expression of what is inside them, just as much as the sin is an expression of what is inside the evil man.

**Application**

Sing loudly few songs and praise God.

**Proverbs 11:10**

*When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy.*

God gives favor among men with His righteous ones, and the community rejoices when they are blessed. When such men are encouraged and advanced into places of power and trust, the city rejoiceth; the citizens or subjects of that government rejoice, because they confidently expect justice and tranquillity, and many other benefits, by their administration of public affairs.

When the wicked perish, there is jubilation: As much as the community rejoices over the blessing of the righteous, they also celebrate the calamity and end of the wicked. Wicked men and women are not missed when they pass.

When the righteous triumph, there is great elation; but when the wicked rise to power, men go into hiding. (Proverbs 28:12)

When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan. (Proverbs 29:2)

## **Application**

Remember all who helped you to be righteous from childhood days and thank God for them. If possible send a thank you note to them.

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## **The righteous stand firm forever**

**Day 24**

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### **Proverbs 10:25**

*When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever.*

This scripture emphasizes the unstable and dangerous place the wicked stand in. Trouble (storm) comes to all people, but the wicked have no foundation to stand when it comes. As tornadoes that sweep every thing away before them; so shall the wrath of God sweep away the wicked; it shall leave him neither branch nor root.

Like the illustration used of the wise man who built upon the rock (Matthew 7:24-27), the righteous man has a firm, everlasting foundation and can withstand the whirlwind.

## **Application**

Ask God to give you wisdom to handle all the storm you face in your life.

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## **The house of the righteous stands firm**

**Day 25**

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### **Proverbs 12:7**

*Wicked men are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous stands firm.*

Having no root in righteousness, the wicked cannot and will not stand. They will one day be overthrown and simply perish.

God will preserve His own righteous men and women. They and their house will endure that which would overthrow the house of the wicked.

## **Application**

Have a discussion as a family about being more righteous and pray together.

**Proverbs 13:9**

*The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.*

Righteousness – godliness as expressed in real life – is associated with light and with rejoicing. There is something wrong with the person who claims to be righteous rarely have evidence of light and rejoicing.

Righteousness is associated with light, but the wicked with darkness. The darkness conceived of here is one that is imposed by the judgment of a righteous God (will be put out).

**Application**

Read through Matthew chapter 6 and meditate on the acts of righteousness.

**Proverbs 11:21**

*Though they join forces, the wicked will not go unpunished; But the posterity of the righteous will be delivered..*

Individually, man is not strong enough to resist God; collectively man is also not strong enough to resist God. God judged mankind when they joined forces to resist God in the days of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9).

But the posterity of the righteous will be delivered: God's blessing will be upon His righteous ones, and upon their descendants (their posterity).

**Application**

Take time to teach your next generation about being righteous.

**Proverbs 15:28**

*The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.*

God's righteous ones – men and women of wisdom – think beforehand what they should and will say. Their words are not based only on impulse and reaction.

There is little self control when it comes to the mouth of the wicked. Evil words and ideas simply pour out from their mouth, with no wise thought beforehand.

The advice is to say less but better things. When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise. (Proverbs 10:19)

**Application**

Practice thinking before saying.

**Hosea 14:9**

*Who is wise? He will realize these things. Who is discerning? He will understand them. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.*

There are two choices either rebel against the Lord and continue to stumble, or return to the Lord and walk securely in His ways. The first choice is foolish; the second choice is wise.

The wise man will understand that in His mercy, God offers a wonderful opportunity for repentance and restoration, and it is dangerous and foolish to neglect that invitation.

Even in the midst of promised judgment, the wise and understanding man sees that the ways of the LORD are right, and that every announcement of judgment is an invitation to repentance.

## **Application**

Do you stumble in the ways of the LORD? Talk to someone and seek advice.

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**The righteous are safe**

**Day 30**

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### **Proverbs 18:10**

*The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.*

God provides a wonderful and strong defense. This is rooted not in a magical saying of His name as if it were a charm or a spell, but in the name of the LORD as a declaration of His character, His person.

Within these walls, which of us needs to worry that the sharpest arrow can harm us? We realize our security from external trouble as we exercise our faith. We are safe from God's avenging justice, from the curse of the law, from sin, from condemnation, from the second death.

God invites all to find refuge in His name; whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Those who humbly run to God and find refuge with Him are His righteous ones, so it is the righteous who run to it.

## **Application**

In your prayer remember the times you took refuge from God running to Him.

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**With favor the LORD will surround the righteous**

**Day 31**

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### **Psalm 5:12**

*For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield..*

This is the greatest blessing of all – the favor of God. Knowing that God looks on us with favor and pleasure is the greatest knowledge in the world. This is our standing in grace.



A shield does not protect any one area of the body. It is large and mobile enough to cover any and every area of the body. It is armor over armor. This is how fully the favor of God, our standing in grace, protects us.

### **Application**

Take a firm decision to be righteous. Praise God for his favor, his acts of power, for his surpassing greatness.