

sermon notes

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Nov 17, 2024 | “The Rightness of Righteousness” | **Proverbs 29:1–27**

- 1) Righteousness leads to _____
(29:1–3)

- 2) Righteousness is a means of _____
(29:4–14)

- 3) Righteousness is accomplished through _____
(29:15–23)

- 4) Righteousness reflects a _____ with _____
(29:24–27)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Compare and contrast Proverbs 28 and 29. How are these chapters similar and dissimilar? How many times are the word “wicked” or its synonyms used in Proverbs 29? How about “righteous” and its synonyms? How does the cultivation of wisdom lead to a righteous life? How does a rejection of wisdom (and the fear of the Lord) lead to wickedness?

Read Proverbs 29:18. What exactly is a “prophetic vision?” How is it parallel with “the law” in verse 18? Consider Proverbs 29:18 in its context. How is this verse related to verse 17? What role does discipline play in the pursuit of righteousness? Can a person discipline himself or herself into a right standing with God? If not, why not? What else is needed?

GET PERSONAL

Read Proverbs 29:1–3. What’s the connection between righteousness and rejoicing? How do you rejoice when righteousness increases? When has that happened in your life? How do you groan when righteousness is diminished? How does your personal righteousness as a Christ-follower gladden the hearts of others around you?

Read Proverbs 29:5. What’s the difference between being a flatterer and being an encourager? How do you tell the difference between those? How do you know when you are flattering your brothers and sisters in Christ versus encouraging them?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

So much of righteousness in the book of Proverbs revolves around speech. How is wicked and foolish behavior demonstrated with the use of the tongue? Give clear examples from Proverbs 29. Write out the positive and negative uses of the tongue in this chapter. Which one of these are you specifically battling in your life? Pray through those out loud and contemplate the positive ways that your tongue can be used in praying out prayers to God.

ADVANCED QUESTION

Some commentators have referred to Proverbs 28 and 29 as a manual for a future king. Why would they say that? How many references to a king (or a ruler) are found in these chapters? Is that too narrow a way to view these Scriptures? How do the statements in Proverbs about a righteous king help direct your affections towards Christ? How is Jesus the perfect embodiment of kingship? What does his kingship look like now and what will it look like in the future?