

## **The path to glory is impossible to walk if you let mankind determine your steps.**

Prov 21:2 (NIV)

2. All a man's ways seem right to him. but the LORD weighs the heart.

Confidence in the Lord allows you to stand boldly in the face of criticism!

How many times have we backed down because of peer pressure? Even though we know what is right there is this desire to be accepted by friends, relatives, coworkers, those in power, etc. We may even compromise for our personal success. More importantly there are leaders that want power so badly that have no problem compromising Godly wisdom and truth which are unimpeachable values. We all like to look good in the sight of our peers but at what price is that image portrayed? At what price do we gain power or influence? Our own soul? There have been many who compromise God's direction (misrepresent truth) to be accepted or gain power and authority in the so called "religious" community. How much more does this happen in the political and business community when the guidelines of integrity have been blurred? It matters little what position we carry when it comes to the integrity of the heart. We are all in service to one another for prosperity yes, but not to the extent of lies intrigue and mischaracterization of anyone who opposes your objectives thereby oppressing or defrauding our fellow man in doing so.

Some carry greater responsibility and receive greater reward but what does that have to do with integrity? This fact remains our accountability is to GOD. And our accountability is indisputable.

Why would someone cause others to compromise integrity except for personal gain? They allow greed, self-importance or maybe power to be the motive of operation. Motives do clarify integrity and therefore by them we are made accountable!

I have seen business situations where using half-truths and certain language kept accountability at bay. If the whole truth is ever required because there is no other way out the language option is still viable resource. There are lawyers, politicians and media that have been using this method of dialectics to secure their objectives. This is where leadership gets in so much trouble. Deception never justifies the end except to intentionally enslave others in their thinking for power over them.

When authority becomes subjective so does its law (truth)!

I heard this question asked. How do you reconcile liberty and the law? People starting with a Godly conscience will not take advantage of liberty. In the realm of faith there is freedom in grace. Do we take advantage of our freedom for sinning despising grace thereby defrauding our brothers

and sisters not to mention our own soul? No one can defraud the grace of God without suffering the consequences. We cannot destroy God through our sin but what happens to the relationship? However we can destroy a nation without conscience.

In the realm of government there are those that would rather secure the vote of the perverse than to retain true wisdom. Special interest groups that reject any aspect of reflective accountability (Godly wisdom) in governing their daily lives will use political acceptance to drive their agenda. Then they want laws to reinforce that agenda. Washing each others back so to speak.

Leaders bidding for this kind acceptance I would remind that this becomes a driving force and the ungodly have the whip. Leadership that endorses and promotes, by law and by finance, perverse ways will doom an entire society. Why would anyone want to undermine an entire society except for control! Who then will be accountable when we stand at the Judgment? There is no separation of church and state excuse at that point. The only thing that will be obvious is the heart that is separated from God. Everyone is accountable for what they approve!

The courts have outlawed our nation's conscience by removing the Bible from schools and now the Creator is relegated to a so called religion and made equal to all of man's fantasies about who God should be. The courts are also in a leadership position and subject to the ultimate judgment of our Supreme. As all who serve in leadership we are doubly accountable toward our Creator. Even if anyone cheated or used deception to be elected. Scripture says that all governing authorities are working for God. In case anyone has forgotten. He knows the intents and motives of our hearts!

"The principles that effectively work through **humility** are the same for **all leadership roles**". The sovereignty of God cannot be thwarted!

You cannot control a society by making a law or expanding government's role. The Ten Commandments only serve in revealing where we fail in our walk with God. Our love for Him and thanksgiving for our blessings not only keep us from defiling the Commandments but also compel us to serve from that love for a greater purpose. Christ is NOT a Marxist. Giving comes from love not law!

Patriotism based on the original Constitutional intent is from a heart of love in service to a greater purpose. A greater cause. A greater freedom. No government can issue these, only an eternal loving God!

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