

Proverbs: Lessons in Wisdom from Solomon
Watch Your Step and with whom You Are Stepping
Proverbs 1:8-19

The truth that greed destroys is seen time and again in our society and in our culture. The up and coming generation seems to want to blame capitalism and the free market for our greed. The problem is that greed is not a byproduct of an economic system. Greed is the byproduct of a sinful heart. Greed adapts to the heart beat of the culture around it because greed is in the hearts of fallen, sinful people.

1. If your parents are _____, _____ to them.

2. Ungodly _____ will incite ungodly _____.

3. Greed will eventually _____ the greedy.

The end-time reward of wisdom is far greater than ill-gotten riches that shimmer and fade and ultimately destroy. Yes, some people are dishonest and live large while others are righteous and have nothing. We are simply called to wait on the Lord knowing that in the end, justice will come, and we will be vindicated. Sometimes He makes things right in three days. Sometimes it takes longer, but we know God is faithful. On Friday, Jesus died as a common thief. But on Sunday He rose a King. That is the story of Christ, and it is our story if we believe.

Reflection

Why is it easy for us to think that greed is only a problem for the rich? While we will probably not be tempted to join a gang and murder someone for their money, what are some ways that we are tempted to get money and things the wrong way? What are some ways that believers individually and the church corporately have been influenced and possibly enslaved by the American Dream? What is the ultimate goal of wisdom—to live a good life or to know Jesus?