

Best of INTENTIONS ~ Psalm 101:1-8

→ Scripture Reading - Ps. 101:1-8

Living with INTEGRITY at HOME ~ Psalm 101:1-4

¹ I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will sing praise. ² I will be careful to lead a blameless life - when will you come to me? I will walk in my house with blameless heart.

³ I will set before my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me. ⁴ Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil.

IMPLICATIONS

→ One of the HARDEST places to Live with INTEGRITY is at HOME

² ...I will lead a life of INTEGRITY in my OWN home. (NLT)

INTEGRITY is being honest, having strong moral and ethical principles

INTEGRITY is the state of being WHOLE and Undivided

Proverbs 11:3 (HCS) The INTEGRITY of the upright **guides them**, but the PERVERSITY of the treacherous destroys them.

Liars and Cheats need NOT Apply ~ Psalm 101:5-8

⁵ Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret, him will I put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure. ⁶ My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me.

⁷ No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence. ⁸ Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the LORD.

IMPLICATION

→ People we SPEND Time With WILL have an IMPACT our Lives

⁴ I will reject perverse ideas and STAY AWAY from every evil. (NLT)

⁶ I will search for FAITHFUL people to be my companions. Only those who are ABOVE REPROACH will be allowed to serve me. (NLT)

⁷ I will NOT allow deceivers to SERVE in my house, and liars will not stay in my presence. (NLT)

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) Do not be misled: Bad company CORRUPTS good character.

→ We CAN Live Godly LIVES by Carefully Choosing our FOCUS

Colossians 3:1-3 (NLT) Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. ² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³ For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

Being Careful:

- what we LOOK at
- what or who we LISTEN to
- who we Spend our TIME with
- where we invest our EFFORTS and RESOURCES

APPLICATION

WARNINGS from David...

- Don't LOOK at what is VILE and VULGAR vs. 3

Philippians 4:8 (NIV) Finally, brothers, whatever is TRUE, whatever is NOBLE, whatever is RIGHT, whatever is PURE, whatever is LOVELY, whatever is ADMIRABLE - if anything is EXCELLENT or PRAISEWORTHY - THINK ABOUT such things.

1 Corinthians 10:23 (JBP) I may do anything, but everything is not USEFUL. Yes, I may do anything but everything is not CONSTRUCTIVE.

- Be CAREFUL how we BUILD Friendships with godless people vs. 4-5

Psalms 1:1 (NIV) Blessed is the man who does not WALK in the COUNSEL of the WICKED or STAND in the WAY of SINNERS or SIT in the SEAT of MOCKERS.

- be Careful about LISTENING to or PARTICIPATING in Harmful Speech vs. 5

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) Do not let ANY unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but ONLY what is helpful for BUILDING others UP according to their needs, that it may BENEFIT those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

John 3:17 (NIV) For God did NOT SEND his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

Take Away ??

1 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV) So, IF you think you are standing FIRM, be careful that you don't fall.

1 Corinthians 10:12 (MSG) Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else.

We are VULNERABLE When we are...

Hungry- taking care of physical needs

Angry- annoyed irritated

Lonely- alone feeling isolated

Tired- spent physically nothing left to give

Stressed- expending a lot energy or emotion