

Proverbs 16

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, I thank you for the sacrifice of Your Son Jesus. I am Your child, Your servant, Your friend-all because of Your abundant love, grace, and mercy. May Your Word always be on and in my heart. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Comments/Insights: Verse 10 says, "Divination is on the lips of the king; His mouth must not transgress in judgment." Psalm 33:5 says, "He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." All that The Lord does is right and just. As children and saints of the Most High God we are to reflect His justice in all we do, especially ourselves.

Basic Truth: Have I ever demanded strict righteousness from others, yet granted forgiveness on those whom I love? Have I ever judged one child harshly, yet let the other get away with the same thing? Have I raised the righteous expectations of others, yet let the same sins slide in the judgments of my own actions? As the leader of my home, God expects me to be just in all my judgments, but no more so than on my own lips and actions. If I fail in this, I am no more than a pharisaical hypocrite. In Matthew 16, Mark 8, and Luke 12 our Lord Jesus warns us "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."

Application to My Life: Sometimes I am too much like the Pharisees. But today, after hearing the Lord warn me to beware of trusting my own judgment I choose to lean on Him. My desire this day is to mimic and reflect His character and His nature in all my daily affairs. I need you Lord. Do not leave me to myself.

Closing Prayer: Thank You Heavenly Father for the instruction of wisdom. I understand that I must forgive as I have been forgiven, and judge as I am judged. I pray Your Holy Spirit continue to guide and instruct me in all things. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

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