

Application Questions

Ecclesiastes 10:16-17

Think back. Name some people who you considered good leaders. Name some that you would consider bad leaders. Are there common character traits that separate the two groups?

Where are leaders found? You may want to refer to Ephesians 5:25, 1 Corinthians 11:1, and 1 Peter 2:13-14.

Consider the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 23, paragraph 1. Where do rulers get their authority? What are their primary responsibilities?

Read verse 16. What does the Bible mean by the word "woe?" Can you come up with some synonyms for this word? Can you think back to a time when you were woeful? Imagine that feeling for a sustained period of time.

Why is the land in trouble? What are the characteristics of its leaders?

How does a child act? What are the implications of feasting in the morning?

Now, read verse 17. Does birth insure godliness (consider Solomon's son Rehoboam)? How can we be sons of a noble? What are the characteristics of such a leader from this verse?

Are you in a position of leadership in your home, your office, the church? If not, could you be? Are you living as a godly ruler? How can you become a godly ruler?

Study for next week: Ecclesiastes 10:18-20.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed; but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and giving me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

A note to our visitors

It is a pleasure having you as a special guest in our Sunday worship today. We hope that you feel warmly welcomed by those around you.

Our goal at Providence Church is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through biblical worship and through a lifestyle of community to others. We consider it a privilege to make ourselves available to you and your family, and would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better.

Perhaps you are new to the area and are searching for a church. Whether this is the case or whether you are simply visiting, we hope that it will not be your last time with us. Feel free to contact us at the church office (309-387-2600) if there is any way that we can be of service to you, or if you have questions that you would like answered about Providence Church or the Christian Faith.