

RIGHT IN GOD'S EYES

WEEK 6



INTRO

PROV. 14:12 & 14

(CSB)

THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT TO A PERSON,
BUT ITS END IS THE WAY TO DEATH...
THE DISLOYAL ONE WILL GET WHAT HIS CONDUCT DESERVES,
AND A GOOD ONE, WHAT HIS DEEDS DESERVE.

BIG IDEA

SEEKING TO BE MEN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART REQUIRES COMMITMENT TO RIGHTEOUSNESS
IN THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS. THIS AFFECTS BOTH THE DIRECTION OF OUR LIVES AND THE END
GOAL; BOTH THE MEANS AND THE ENDS MATTER TO GOD.

REFLECT

- Q1 PUT UTILITARIANISM IN YOUR OWN WORDS. HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE IT?
- Q2 IN WHAT CONTEXTS DO YOU SEE UTILITARIAN THINKING?
 - WHERE DOES A FOCUS ON OUTCOMES OVER ALL ELSE BECOME MOST IMPORTANT?
 - WHERE DO YOU MOST OFTEN FIND PEOPLE TREATING HAPPINESS AS THE GREATEST GOOD AND PAIN AS THE GREATEST EVIL?
- Q3 HOW DOES THE GOSPEL OPPOSE UTILITARIANISM?
- Q4 WHY DOES IT MATTER SO MUCH TO TRUST GOD WITH THE OUTCOMES, RATHER THAN MANIPULATING OR CONTROLLING THEM OURSELVES?

RESPOND

SITUATION

THE TV SHOW "THE GOOD PLACE" ARGUED THAT MOST PEOPLE IN THE MODERN WORLD GO TO HELL BECAUSE ALL OF OUR "LITTLE" DECISIONS ARE CORRUPTED WITH UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. FOR EXAMPLE, YOU MIGHT BUY AN ITEM FROM THE STORE THAT—UNKNOWN TO YOU—WAS PRODUCED WITH SLAVE LABOR, TRANSPORTED IN WAYS THAT POLLUTED THE ENVIRONMENT, PERHAPS BROKE LOCAL OR INTERNATIONAL LAWS ALONG THE WAY, CONTRIBUTED TO AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE AGAINST A LOCAL MOM/POP ALTERNATIVE, AND ULTIMATELY ENRICHED THE SUPER-WEALTHY.

- A. HOW MIGHT A UTILITARIAN PERSPECTIVE SHED LIGHT ON THE MORAL PROBLEMS THAT EXIST IN OUR WORLD BUT FLY UNDER THE RADAR?
- B. HOW MIGHT A UTILITARIAN PERSPECTIVE MASK MORAL ISSUES THAT MATTER BUT AREN'T PART OF THE CHAIN OF CONSEQUENCES?
- C. WHAT IS YOUR REAL MORAL RESPONSIBILITY WHEN IT COMES TO THESE KINDS OF SITUATIONS TODAY?

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RESPOND

IN EPHESIANS WE'RE REMINDED THAT WE ARE ALWAYS AT WAR. FROM THE MOMENT THAT WE BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR, WE ARE AWAKENED, LITTLE BY LITTLE TO THIS REALITY, YET STAND IN VICTORY WITH JESUS.

WHEN WE "FIGHT AS THE WORLD FIGHTS", WE LOSE. WHEN WE TREAT OTHERS AS OBJECTS, ARE CARELESS ABOUT THE WAY WE GO ABOUT LIVING OUR LIVES, AND DEMAND THAT OUR DESIRES BE MET, WE FALL SHORT OF GOD'S CALL TO LOVE HIM AND OUR NEIGHBOR (MATT. 22:36-40).

GOD WILL CALL US ALL TO ACCOUNT FOR OUR WHOLE LIFE; THE MEANS AND THE ENDS (ROM. 14:10-12; ECC. 12:14).

MAY YOUR LIFE - THE MEANS AND THE ENDS - BE DEFINED MOST BY "ENJOYING GOD AND GLORIFYING HIM FOREVER." TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT "GOD IS MOST GLORIFIED IN US, WHEN WE ARE MOST SATISFIED IN HIM." IN THIS, WE TRULY DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF WHAT IS RIGHT IN GOD'S EYES.

PUTTING ALL THE WEEKS TOGETHER: HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE BEING "RIGHT IN GOD'S EYES" VS. "RIGHT IN OUR OWN EYES"?

WHAT HAS CHALLENGED YOU MOST IN THIS SERIES? WHAT HAS ENCOURAGED YOU?

HOW WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE ANOTHER MAN IN YOUR LIFE TO PURSUE WHAT IS RIGHT IN GOD'S EYES? WHAT PRACTICAL THINGS WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE HIM TO KNOW OR DO?

IN WHAT WAYS CAN YOUR GROUP CONTINUE TO HELP YOU IN THIS JOURNEY TO SEEK WHAT IS RIGHT IN GOD'S EYES?