

## THE FRUIT OF THE RIGHTEOUS

Text: Proverbs 11:30

- An example of Hebrew parallelism:
  - The first half of the verse is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth; the second half is the implementation of the truth.

### I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE RIGHTEOUS (vs. 30A)

- We should understand:
  - A righteous life will be an abundantly \_\_\_\_\_ life.
  - The fruit represents not the fruit of souls saved but that of an effective \_\_\_\_\_.
    - The apparent, abundant, available testimony of a believer's righteous life and \_\_\_\_\_ making life available to others.
- The only way for our lives to be sources of life for others is to abide in True \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 15:5).
- Wise, fruitful speech comes from a wise, fruitful \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 4:5-6).

### II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE RIGHTEOUS (vs. 30B)

- "Souls" = breath, life, or living soul; here, the \_\_\_\_\_ souls of people.
- "\_\_\_\_\_ " = to take, claim, appropriate, apprehend, gain, or even snatch something (a very active word).
- Winning souls = righteousness in \_\_\_\_\_ (the right thing to do), and it's also the wise activity of wise people (Dan. 12:3).
- Four Biblical reasons why it is both righteous and wise to win souls for the Savior:

#### A. Because God \_\_\_\_\_ It.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of our Savior is to win souls (Luke 19:10, 2 Peter 3:9).
  - His plan is to work through \_\_\_\_\_.
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ is that we should go, preach, and win souls (Lk. 14:23, Jn. 20:21, Matt. 28:19, Lk. 24:47-48, Mk. 16:15).
- "To every creature" = to every single member of the human race.
  - To those we \_\_\_\_\_;
  - To those we don't know.
    - Unreached people across the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Unreached people right here in Ottawa, KS.

#### B. Because the Fate of the Lost \_\_\_\_\_ It (Prov. 15:11, Job 26:6).

- If we could see what God sees in \_\_\_\_\_, we would be incredibly motivated to win souls.
  - "Hell" = the place beneath our feet where lost souls wait for the day of final judgment; a place Jesus described as a place of \_\_\_\_\_, torment, bitter regrets, and no hope, where a single drop of water would make all the difference.
  - "Destruction" = probably a reference to the everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ of fire, where lost sinners will be cast body and soul after the day of judgment to be separated from God forever in the second death.
    - "Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_"
    - "Everlasting fire" and "a furnace of fire" where "there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."
    - "The lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" and "the \_\_\_\_\_ death."

#### C. Because the Judgment Seat of Christ Reveals and \_\_\_\_\_ It (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

- Paul persuaded men to be saved because he knew "the terror (fear) of the Lord"; in context, the sobering reality of personal \_\_\_\_\_ at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
  - On that day, the Lord is will want to know what we did with our \_\_\_\_\_ to win souls.
- The good news is that we will be \_\_\_\_\_ for our efforts in that day.
- One of those rewards will be the incredible \_\_\_\_\_ of seeing the souls we won to Christ.

#### D. Because the Love of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Us to It (2 Cor. 5:14-15, 17-21).

- Vs. 14, "Constraineth" = to \_\_\_\_\_ someone to do something by exerting pressure on them.
- Vs. 15, If we really understand the love of Christ, it will be impossible for us to live for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Vs. 17, As Christians, we are new creatures with a new life in Christ.
- Vs. 18, Part of that new life is a new service for Christ, the "ministry of reconciliation."
  - Reconcile = to bring people together who were far apart, restore broken \_\_\_\_\_; here, the work of winning souls.
- Vs. 19, It's not just our work but \_\_\_\_\_ work through us.
  - Vs. 18, Has given it to us (as our responsibility),
  - Vs. 19, Has \_\_\_\_\_ it to us (literally, placed it in us, in Person of Spirit)
- Vs. 20, Our lips are not our own. We are His \_\_\_\_\_.
  - How can we keep this wonderful love of Christ to ourselves?