

	<h1>LESSONS FOR LIVING FROM THE PROVERBS</h1>	
	<h2>Session Nine</h2>	

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<h2>Recap Session Eight:</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANGER is like a disease that will eventually destroy our souls; self-control is a fruit of the Spirit that helps us to overcome anger and tempers. • Righteous anger is justified and God-pleasing. • REVENGE is often our natural reaction to being wronged, but God calls us to leave vengeance in His hands. • God hates PRIDE; humility is the antithesis of pride and is to be the hallmark of our lives in Christ. • REPENTANCE, like faith, is the lifeblood of our Christian life. The repentant Christian is in daily contrition over their sinful life and continually relying on God for the remission of sins. 	<p>Prov. 16:32 <i>He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.</i></p> <p>Romans 12:19b <i>... "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.</i></p> <p>Prov. 21:4 <i>A haughty look, a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin.</i></p> <p>Matt. 3:8 <i>Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance</i></p>
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	<h1>RIGHTEOUSNESS</h1>	
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	<h1>RIGHTEOUSNESS</h1>	<p>Prov. 11:19 <i>As righteousness leads to life, So he who pursues evil pursues it to his own death.</i></p> <p>Prov. 12:28 <i>In the way of righteousness is life, And in its pathway there is no death.</i></p>
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RIGHTEOUSNESS is IMPARTED

Jeremiah 23:5-6

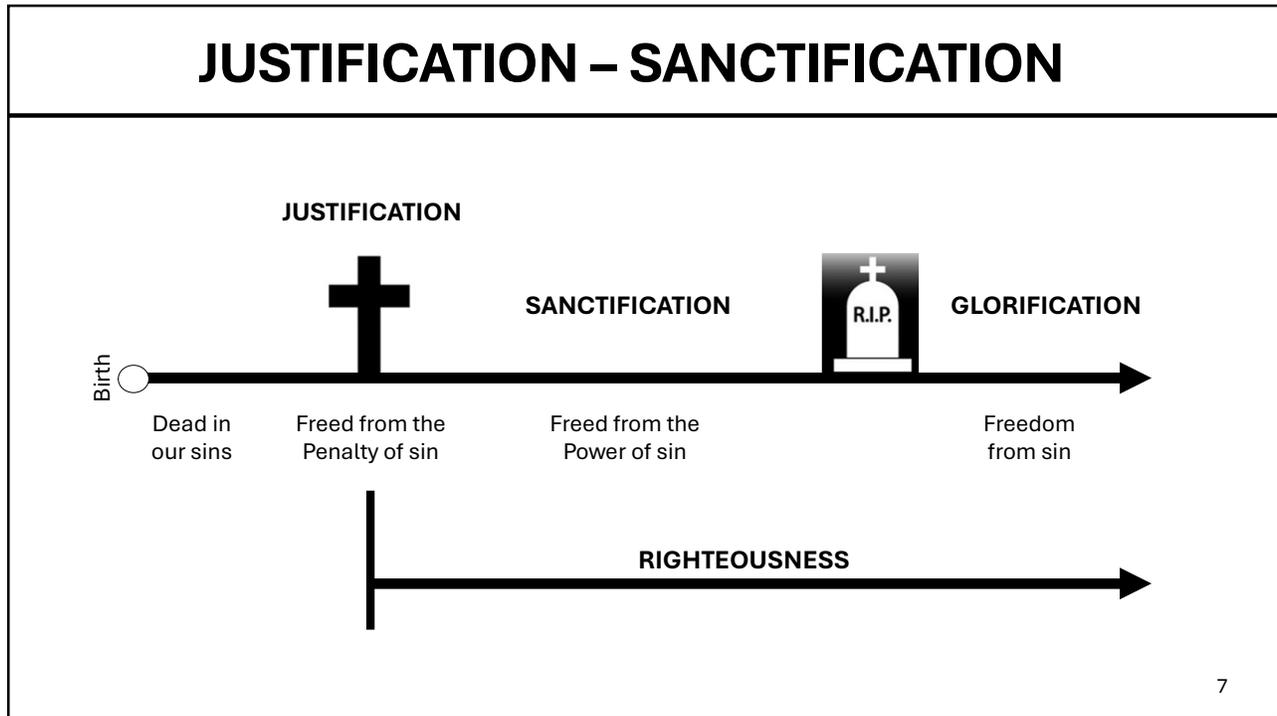
***“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord,
 “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;
 A King shall reign and prosper,
 And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.
 In His days Judah will be saved,
 And Israel will dwell safely;
 Now this is His name by which He will be called:
 THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”***

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Genesis 15:1-6 (ESV)	Philippians 3:7-9
<p><i>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then He said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness.</i></p>	<p><i>But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.</i></p>
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JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION
<p>John 3:16 <i>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.</i></p>	<p>Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV) <i>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.</i></p>
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<p>Prov. 11:31 (NIV) <i>If the righteous receive their due on earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner!</i></p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">JUSTIFICATION or SANCTIFICATION?</p>	<p>COMMENTARY: God's final blessing and reward to the righteous, and His judgement and punishment of the ungodly and sinners come after life on this earth has ended. But there are foretastes of both during life on the earth, as the righteous experience God's personal care and goodness, while the wicked are void of it.</p>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Righteousness vs. Wickedness	Justification or Sanctification?	
Prov. 10:3	<i>The Lord will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.</i>	
Prov. 10:6	<i>Blessings are on the head of the righteous, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.</i>	
Prov. 10:7	<i>The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot.</i>	
Prov. 10:24	<i>The fear of the wicked will come upon him, And the desire of the righteous will be granted.</i>	
Prov. 10:25	<i>When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.</i>	
Prov. 10:28	<i>The hope of the righteous will be gladness, But the expectation of the wicked will perish.</i>	
Prov. 10:29	<i>The way of the Lord is strength for the upright, But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.</i>	0

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Righteousness vs. Wickedness (cont.)		Justification or Sanctification?
Prov. 12:21 (NIV)	<i>No harm overtakes the righteous, but the wicked have their fill of trouble.</i>	
Prov. 14:32	<i>The wicked is banished in his wickedness, But the righteous has a refuge in his death.</i>	
Prov. 15:29	<i>The Lord is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous.</i>	
Prov. 24:16	<i>For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.</i>	
Prov. 28:1	<i>The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.</i>	
Prov. 13:6	<i>Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless, But wickedness overthrows the sinner.</i>	

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Psalm 1	
	<p><i>Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.</i></p>
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<p>Prov. 13:22 <i>A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.</i></p>	<p>Job 27:16-17 <i>Though he heaps up silver like dust, And piles up clothing like clay— He may pile it up, but the just will wear it, And the innocent will divide the silver.</i></p>
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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Integrity</h2>	
<p>Prov. 20:7 <i>The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.</i></p> <p>Prov. 11:3 <i>The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>INTEGRITY definition: Steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code.</p> </div>	<p>Job 2:3 <i>Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."</i></p>
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<p>Prov. 21:3</p> <p><i>To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.</i></p>	<p>1 Samuel 15:22 So Samuel said: <i>“Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.”</i></p> <p>Psalm 51:16-17 <i>For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.</i></p>
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<p>Prov. 16:31</p> <p><i>The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness.</i></p>	<p>Prov. 13:9</p> <p><i>The light of the righteous rejoices, But the lamp of the wicked will be put out.</i></p>
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	<h1>SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST</h1>	
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	<h1>SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST</h1>	<p>Prov. 4:18 <i>But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.</i></p> <p>Psalm 36:9 <i>For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.</i></p>
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Jesus is the light ...	
<p>John 1:4-5</p> <p><i>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.</i></p>	<p>John 8:12</p> <p><i>Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."</i></p>
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<p>2 Corin. 4:6</p> <p><i>For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>2 Corin. 3:18</p> <p><i>But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.</i></p>	<p>Matthew 5:14-16</p> <p><i>"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.</i></p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Proverbs 11:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.</i></p>
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<h2>Summary ...</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Righteousness comes by faith in Jesus Christ; it is imparted to us as a gift from God. • The righteousness of Christ leads us to eternal life with God. • Righteous living is a result of God's sanctifying work in us and through us. • Righteousness vs. wickedness is a major theme in the Proverbs. • We are called to shine the light of Christ through our lives to others. 	<p>Prov. 12:28 <i>In the way of righteousness is life, And in its pathway there is no death.</i></p> <p>Prov. 13:6 <i>Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless, But wickedness overthrows the sinner.</i></p> <p>Prov. 4:18 <i>But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.</i></p>
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	QUESTIONS?	
		Favorite Proverb?
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If time permits ...	<p>Prov. 23:1-3 <i>When you sit down to eat with a ruler, Consider carefully what is before you; And put a knife to your throat If you are a man given to appetite. Do not desire his delicacies, For they are deceptive food.</i></p> <p>Prov. 21:1 <i>The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.</i></p> <p>Prov. 14:10 <i>The heart knows its own bitterness, And a stranger does not share its joy.</i></p> <p>Prov. 21:31 <i>The horse is prepared for the day of battle, But deliverance is of the Lord.</i></p>	24
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<p>If time permits ...</p>	<p>Prov. 14:4 <i>Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; But much increase comes by the strength of an ox.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>
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<h2>Topics Covered</h2>				
	Teaching sons and daughters	Choice of Companions	Trusting God	Righteousness vs. Wickedness
	Integrity	Guard Your Mind	Discipline	Shine the Light of Christ
	Sexual Purity	Deceitful Tongue	Diligent Worker	Leave a Legacy
	Money Management	Love Your Neighbor	God's Protection	Virtuous Woman
	Avoid the World's Distractions	Truth	Types of Fools	Seeking Counsel
	God Hides Himself	Sin of Pride	Discernment	Anger / Temper
	Honor Your Parents	Revenge	Conscience	Repentance

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