

Are You a Lion or a Mouse?

Proverbs 28:1-2 NLT

[1] The wicked run away when no one is chasing them, but the godly are as bold as lions. [2] When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily. But wise and knowledgeable leaders bring stability.

I.) God is Loosing the Lions

A.) Fear Controls the Wicked- Proverbs 28:1

- 1.) Fear will cause people to be in constant paranoia- **1 Samuel 18**
- 2.) Fear will cause people to turn on each other
- 3.) Fear leads people to emotional decisions
- 4.) Fear will make a person always question the decisions that they are making

B.) We are Called to be as Bold as Lions- Proverbs 28:1

- 1.) The wicked are always focused on self preservation
- 2.) The righteous are selfless and bold because of the Spirit of God- **2**

Timothy 1:7

- 3.) Lions are not persuaded by what the other animals in the jungle say about them.
- 4.) Never forget who is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah!!!

C.) We Need Holiness- Proverbs 28:2

- 1.) The moral decay of any nation will lead to a government that will topple
- 2.) Our nation needs the Christians to become like lions and stand for holiness

D.) We Need to have Boldness and Knowledge- Proverbs 28:2

- 1.) Knowledge comes from God- **Proverbs 1:7**
- 2.) Knowledge comes from God's Word- **Psalms 119:105**
- 3.) Knowledge comes from obedience of God's Word- **James 1:22-25**

E.) We Need to be Bold and Wise- Proverbs 28:2

- 1.) We are wise because we fear God- **Proverbs 9:10**
- 2.) God will show us how to live our life for Him
- 3.) We gain wisdom because we ask for wisdom- **James 1:5-7**

F.) We Need the Type of Boldness that Lead Us to Stability- Prov. 28:2

- 1.) We know what we believe because we have a firm foundation on Jesus Christ
- 2.) We live a simple life of honesty, our yes is yes and no is no
- 3.) We don't compromise to the flow of the culture
- 4.) We will be predictable
- 5.) We will be the leaders in our family, church, work, and community

