

SEVEN SINS THE WICKED PRACTICE GOD HATED THAT'S PRESENTED IN PROVERBS 6

The fifth part of this series will now address feet that are swift in running to evil or mischief. Evil is defined as being profoundly immoral or associated with the forces of the devil. Mischief is defined as troublemaking, trouble cause by someone or something, playfulness that is intended to tease or mock. It is synonymous with the term's misbehavior, disobedience, perversity, or pranks. Jimmy Swaggart in his expository study bible states just as pride is deceptive, this type of sin is cloaked meaning it actually believes it is doing right. How many times because of our pride that causes us to think we are right and no one else sometimes even in the way we read scripture and perceive God we then put action behind those thoughts and have caused more harm than help? We will actually focus on the words Holy Spirit highlighted in a way to bring understanding of what it actually means for an individual to have feet that are swift in running to evil.

Scripture Reference

Proverbs 6:16-19 AMP

16 These six things the Lord hates, indeed, seven are an abomination to Him:

17 A proud look [the spirit that makes one overestimate himself and underestimate others], a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans, feet that are swift in running to evil,

19 A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath], and he who sows discord among his brethren.

Proverbs 6:16-19 KJV

16 These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Feet That Are Swift in Running to Evil or Mischief

When the phrase “feet that are swift in running to evil” is mentioned Holy Spirit is referencing a path that an individual is choosing to go down or take. Before we could get to understanding what it means running towards mischief or evil we first must understand the symbolism of feet. God has his own language and it is us that must get in line with what he is trying to convey to us.

In Psalm 119:105, we read, “Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path” (KJV). We know that feet are used to help our legs be stable and ability to walk in many directions. The lighted path is not whatever we want it to be, but righteous judgments and God's percepts meaning no snare but a heritage and rejoicing. God is the one that wants to guide us with instructions of the path he has carved out for us. Any time we go out of our way to not follow to walk in the ways of God and walk contrary to his word we are deceiving ourselves thinking we are going on the right



path even if it is good does not make it God. In the word we see over and over again Paul explains although all things are permissible for me they are not beneficial for me. Let us look at a few who thought they were doing right in their own sight; however, was evil or mischievous.

In, Luke, 18:9-14, we read, “And He Spoke this Parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the Temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, Go I thank You, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this Publicans. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess And the Publicans, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto Heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. Then Jesus replied, I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone who exalts himself shall be abased; and he who humbles himself shall be exalted” (KJV). We know the background of the Pharisees who were self-righteous abiding under the law and actually missed the Messiah due to their worldly wisdom and intellect. A life that is not grounded and steadfast in the word of God can lead to all sorts of decisions that may be permissible for him to do but not beneficial.

When we continue to think we understand a thing without consulting God we then get into a way of living that is displeasing to God. Our will may not always align with God’s will because we were born into a sinful world and have a sin nature that must be subdued daily by yielding our lives to the Holy Spirit. The Pharisees looked down on the Publican because he was regarded as inferior to them. Many with this superiority inferiority complex allows room for evil to reside in their hearts and believe their actions are justified. For Example, the world we are living in today is filled with this superiority inferiority complex by being displayed through racism. There have been so many killings influenced by this type of evil and its infectious. This type of spirit has also been displayed in the body of Christ when one denomination thinks its interpretation of Jesus Christ is the only way or its rules and regulations is the correct interpretation of God’s word. Only the word of God inspired by the Holy Spirit can interpret the Word through other scriptures throughout the bible.

Jesus Mocked by Soldiers

We stated at the beginning of the teaching that mischief also was defined as playfulness intended to tease or mock. In Matthew 27:27-31, we read, “Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. Here we see that the Roman soldiers could not even recognize the Savior of the world even if it hit them in the face. They mocked him as our Messiah the anointed one sent by God to endure the wrath of God for our sins and free us from our eternal destination of hell to being reconciled to God the Father.

How many of us mock others for what God is calling them to do? How many of us mock others and ridiculed others for their beliefs and truth in who God has said they are? We make fun of things that shouldn’t be taken lightly. Those men lightly took the cross not knowing it was the only



freedom to our salvation. Have you been guilty of ridiculing others because you do not understand a thing or because you disagree with a thing? God told us in the word that he would not be mock nor those that are following Christ. When we say we are in Christ and the world begins to ridicule us for our faith and who Jesus has said we are then in actuality they are ridiculing Jesus. When God sees us he does not see our sins or transgression but our identity in his son Jesus.

Overcoming A Spirit That Feet Runs Towards Evil or Mischief.

We must counter this spirit with the opposite of being evil or mischievous. We must let God lead our path and order our steps. In Proverbs 16:9, we read, “A man’s mind plans his way [as he journeys through life], But the LORD directs his steps and establishes them” (AMP). “The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his step” (ESV). We can have thoughts in our minds and plans of how we are to live in God’s will and way but if we are not led by his Holy Spirit and His Written Word we can think we are doing God’s things instead only doing opposite just at the Pharisees. In Proverbs 21:2, we read, “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts” (KJV). “Every man’s way is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs and examines the hearts [of people and their motives]” (AMP). As you see scripture will interpret scripture in order to examine our ways and motives to determine if the path we are taking lining up with God’s word.

Examine Yourself

- Allow the Holy Spirit to thoroughly examine your heart to determine if the path you own is the one that God has ordained for you.
- Ask Jesus to come in so that you may live for him while you are on this side of earth.
- Meditate on the Scriptures that were listed above to help give insight and identify areas of the heart that need to be worked on in order to place you back on the right path or maintain the path you are on if its in God’s will and way for your life.
- Last, allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to teachings along with his word to examine your walk as a Christian.

