

Living Carefully

Ephesians 5:15 (NIV)

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,

Matthew 24:4 (NIV)

Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you.

James 1:22-25 (NIV)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

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1 Corinthians 5:11:13 (NIV)

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Proverbs 20:19 (AMPC)

He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore associate not with him who talks too freely.

Proverbs 22:24 (AMPC)

Make no friendships with a man given to anger, and with a wrathful man do not associate,

Proverbs 24:21 (AMPC)

My son, [reverently] fear the Lord and the king, and do not associate with those who are given to change [of allegiance, and are revolutionary],

1 Corinthians 5:11 (AMPC)

But now I write to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of [Christian] brother if he is known to be guilty of immorality or greed, or is an idolater [whose soul is devoted to any object that usurps the place of God], or is a person with a foul tongue [railing, abusing, reviling, slandering], or is a drunkard or a swindler or a robber. [No] you must not so much as eat with such a person.

1 Corinthians 5:9-10 (AMPC)

I wrote you in my [previous] letter not to associate [closely and habitually] with unchaste (impure) people— Not [meaning of course that you must] altogether shun the immoral people of this world, or the greedy graspers and cheats and thieves or idolaters, since otherwise you would need to get out of the world and human society altogether!

Haggai 2:12-13 (AMPC)

If one carries in the skirt of his garment flesh that is holy [because it has been offered in sacrifice to God], and with his skirt or the flaps of his garment he touches bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any kind of food, does what he touches become holy [dedicated to God's service exclusively]? And the priests answered, No! [Holiness is not infectious.] Then said Haggai, If one who is [ceremonially] unclean because he has come in contact with a dead body should touch any of these articles of food, shall it be [ceremonially] unclean? And the priests answered, It shall be unclean. [Unholiness is infectious.]

Haggai 2:14 (AMPC)

Then answered Haggai, So is this people and so is this nation before Me, says the Lord; and so is every work of their hands, and what they offer there [on the altar] is unclean [because they who offer it are themselves unclean].

Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV)

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Matthew 12:34 (NKJV)

Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. FootnotesMatthew 12:34Offspring

Psalms 141:3 (NKJV)

Set a guard, O Lord , over my mouth;Keep watch over the door of my lips.

Matthew 16:6 (AMPC)