

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is intemperance?
2. How are we to avoid the path of evil?
3. How does following this advice cause our years of life to be many?
4. Why would anyone seek this wickedness since the results are so grievous?

### SUMMARY:

The person who continues to toy with the evils of intemperance has much in common with the moth near a candle. The moth's first large circle can do little more damage than the first "innocent" encounter with alcohol or any other first intemperate act. Both acts often lead to a faster and faster flight in ever decreasing circles until at last, the moth or the man seems almost unable to stop. Then the last circle leads either to death or a very bad scorching and the scars last much longer than the short moment of fun.

The writer of Proverbs knew from observation what the dangers were and what it took to stay out of danger's reach. Acknowledgement is not always enough. To remain on the straight path that ends in life eternal requires the guidance of God and obedience to His leading.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

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Fourth Quarter

### THE DANGERS OF INTEMPERANCE

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Proverbs 4:10-17; 23:20-23, 29-35*

**LESSON SETTING:** King Solomon records God's wisdom as applied to everyday problems.

**TIME:** About 1000 B.C.

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- I. THE EVILS OF INTEMPERANCE.** Proverbs 4:10-17
  - A. An Evil Way (vs. 14) Proverbs 14:12; Matthew 7:13
  - B. Evil Associations (vs. 14) Proverbs 28:7; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Ephesians 5:11
  - C. Evil Activity (vs. 16) Proverbs 6:18; 1 Peter 5:8
- II. THE FOLLY OF INTEMPERANCE.** Proverbs 23:20-23, 29-32
  - A. Excess (vs. 29-30) Galatians 5:21; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Peter 4:3; 2 Peter 2:13
  - B. Drunkenness (vs. 20, 29-32) Proverbs 20:1; Luke 21:34; Romans 13:13
  - C. Gluttony (vs. 21) Number 11:32-33; Proverbs 25:16; Philippians 3:19
- III. THE SLAVERY OF INTEMPERANCE.** Proverbs 23:33-35
  - A. Lack of Self Control (vs. 33) Romans 6:12
  - B. Impurity (vs. 33) Romans 1:24; Ephesians 5:3
  - C. Insensibility (vs. 35) Ephesians 4:19

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**GOLDEN TEXT:** *ENTER NOT INTO THE PATH OF THE WICKED,  
AND GO NOT IN THE WAY OF EVIL MEN.* Proverbs 4:14

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Mark 10:46-52; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Isaiah 35:1-10;  
Matthew 20:29-34;  
Luke 18:35-43

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ - King and Savior

**TOPIC:** THE KING'S HEALING POWER

**INTRODUCTION:**

The story of blind Bartimaeus is really a touching one, especially to those who have seen someone afflicted in this way. How often these would cry out for healing that they may receive sight. In the case of Bartimaeus, Jesus heard his cry and knew his heart and healed him.

In 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, we read of a different blindness, a spiritual blindness, which afflicts mankind all over the world. Paul writes that the "god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not". This is the condition in which we all find ourselves and continue in it until such a time that we, as Bartimaeus did, cry unto the Lord. We do not read that Jesus answered immediately, but rather when he "cried the more" in evidence of his sincere desire to be heard, that Jesus did call for him and healed him. So likewise, when we desire spiritual sight and give evidence to the Lord of our real longing for it, that He also will hear us and will let the light of His glorious gospel shine in our hearts. OH, WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY WHEN WE RECEIVE OUR SIGHT AND CAN WALK WITH JESUS!!

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** The compassionate Christ ministers to our needs.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *ONE THING I KNOW, THAT, WHEREAS I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE.*

John 9:25

What a statement! Yet how expressive the experience of one who has come to realize the power of God. There is no question of "how". There is only an expression of the knowledge of healing.

It is much the same way, spiritually. We cannot explain the working of God in giving spiritual sight. We cannot explain the new birth. We do know that it is real because we have experienced it. We had known we were blind and that we were lost. We knew the condemnation that was on us and in desperation and pleading for mercy we had cried unto the Lord. When He knew our intense heart's desire to be healed, He did heal us. Now we can say, "praise the Lord."

You, who are still spiritually blind and recognize this fact, and desire healing, cry unto Him, so you too can experience His saving power.

**DAILY BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK OF Oct. 24 – 30**

- M. \*The King's Healing Power. Mark 10:46-52; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- T. Trust in God Rewarded. Psalm 146:1-10
- W. Blessings of Christ's Kingdom. Isaiah 35:1-10
- T. Some Precious Promises. Isaiah 42:5-8
- F. Proof of the King's Messiahship. Matthew 11:1-6
- S. The Tragedy of Having Blind Guides. Matthew 15:1-14
- S. Jesus the Light of the World. John 9:1-11

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