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<u>"Judgment done Right"</u> (3)

"Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." (John 7:24)

<u>The *Tyrannical* First Impression</u> "The first one to plead his cause *seems* right...*

<u>**1** Samuel 16:6-7</u> – (6) "When they came, he (*Samuel*) looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' (7) But the LORD said to Samuel, '<u>Do not look on his appearance</u> or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.'"

<u>Proverbs 5:1-5, 7-9, 11-14</u> - (1) "My son, be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding, (2) that you may keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge. (3) For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, (4) but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. (5) Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol;...

(7) And now, O sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth.
(8) Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, (9) lest you give your honor to others and your years to the merciless... (11) and at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed, (12) and you say, '<u>How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof</u>! (13) <u>I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors</u>. (14) <u>I am at the brink of utter ruin</u> in the assembled congregation.'"

The Companion's Counsel

*until his neighbor (*companion, shepherd*) comes and examines him." (Proverbs 18:17 *NKJV*)

<u>John 16:7-8</u> – (7) "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. (8) And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment"

<u>Romans 8:16</u> – "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God"

Key Point: Let the Holy Spirit Drive & You will Thrive

Judging Applications

<u>(1) Judging Trials; (2) Judging the Times</u> – 2/19/12 <u>(3) Judging Thy Self; (4) Judging Toxic Transgressors –</u> 2/26/12

(5) Judging the Temporary

<u>2 Corinthians 4:16-18</u> – (16) "So we do not lose heart. Though <u>our outer nature</u> <u>is wasting away</u>, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. (17) For <u>this slight</u> <u>momentary affliction</u> is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, (18) as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. <u>For the things that are seen are transient</u>, but the things that are unseen are <u>eternal</u>."

(6) Judging Treasures

<u>1 Timothy 6:17-19</u> – (17) "As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, <u>nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches</u>, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. (18) They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, (19) <u>thus storing up treasure for themselves</u> as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life."

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message? Do I tend to assess matters in this life by the Spirit or the flesh? Am I ruled by my first impressions? (1 Cor. 15:46; Eph. 4:22-24) Do I tend to account the temporal equal status with the eternal? Do I give the temporary higher priority than the eternal? Is it alright to have temporary treasures? (Prov. 15:6; 21:20) Can temporary treasures corrupt? (Matt. 6:19-21; James 5:1-3)