

THE WAYS OF DEATH

PROVERBS 16:25

Text: Proverbs 16:25, 14:12

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Introduction:

The ways of carelessness, of worldliness, and of sensuality, seem right to those that walk in them; but self-deceivers will become self-destroyers.

Notice:

1. THE CONVICTION THAT MAN MAY HOLD – “THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMETH RIGHT”

A. Many Men Are Blind To Their Own Faults

Proverbs 16:2

² All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

Proverbs 21:2

²Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

- In their eyes their designs are right
- In their eyes their doings are right

B. Many Men Like To Brag of Their Own Faithfulness

Proverbs 20:6

⁶Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

- They will talk a great deal of their goodness.
- They will talk a great deal of their generosity.

2. THE COURSE THAT MAN WILL TAKE

A. Will Be the Wrong Way

- It will be in opposition to the Word of God.
- It will be in opposition to the Will of God.

B. Will Be a Wayward Way

This way leads further and further away from Christ

3. THE CONSEQUENCES THAT MAN WILL FACE – “THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH”

A. Mans Way Ends In Death

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

B. Man’s Way Ends In Destruction

Proverbs 29:1

¹ He, that being often reproved hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

C. Man’s Way Ends In Despair

Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴ And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

