

AN HONORABLE PURSUIT

Are life, prosperity, and honor important to you? Solomon, the wisest man to ever live, left a treasure map that promises to lead to life, prosperity, and honor. Solomon imbedded the map in the form of an instruction. You can discover the map for yourself by carefully studying verse 21:21 within Solomon's book of Proverbs. You will note that he first explains for whom his treasure map is intended. Solomon says, "He who pursues..." Do not miss this point. Solomon makes it clear. He means you, if you are willing to heed the instruction that follows. Solomon continues, "He who pursues righteousness and love finds..." Notice that this statement is definitive. Solomon declares that whoever pursues righteousness and love will indeed find, "life, prosperity, and honor." What a promise, what a prospect!

"He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor."
Proverbs 21:21 NIV

I'm reminded of the Apostle Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 13 when he said, now I will show you the way of life that is best of all – Love. Paul says that 'love' is the most excellent way. Yet, Paul also warns that if we achieve our accomplishments without love our legacy will essentially end up amounting to little more than an irritating noise; certainly not prosperity and honor.

Solomon says pursue love and find honor. Paul says achieve without love and discover emptiness. If this is true, then:

"Your legacy is dependent upon your pursuit of love."

Let me say this again for clarification sake; your pursuit of love will determine the quality of your legacy. As an entrepreneur or business executive it is important to recognize that in addition to building our business daily, every day we are also constructing our legacy? According to the teachings of Paul and Solomon, depending on the path pursued, we either establish a legacy of little consequence, or we build a legacy of prosperity and honor. The determining factor is a choice. Will we intentionally choose a pursuit of love and righteousness in all our business dealings and life activities, or not?

Pause a moment for self-examination: On a scale of one to ten with ten being highly admirable, where do you find yourself on the Honor scale? Are you pleased with the legacy you leave at the end of each day?

To test the status of your legacy and determine if you need to make adjustments insert your name in place of the word 'love' in Paul's description of the attributes of love below (*find the underlines and insert your name*):

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV.

If you are like me, you likely discovered an area or two where a fine-tuning love adjustment would yield a much better life result. An occasional recalibrating of our heart is necessary to insure we stay on the right path. This is what it means to pursue love.

Are you finding prosperity and honor in your daily activities, business world, and personal relationships? If your answer is an indisputable yes, then I applaud you. However, if your answer falls short, please understand that it is not too late to make the needed adjustments.

Are you willing to build your life around the pillars of righteousness and love?

Remember, he who pursues... finds!

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