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PROVERBS 16:25

Proverbs 16:25 says, ***“there is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”***

The humanist influenced society of today denies the existence of moral absolutes and instills belief in moral relativism. It teaches that whatever you believe to be morally acceptable is right for you. It is all relative to how you feel or think about it. That is what this scripture addresses as that which “seemeth right” to a person.

The Bible sets forth absolutes. Moral relativism is diametrically opposed to God’s ways. Moral relativism can call good as bad and bad as good. To deny God’s absolutes and to choose to live out that humanist philosophy leads to “the ways of death.” This means eternal death and separation from God.

What are a few of these “ways” that we see today?

Homosexuality is one of the biggest ones. It is an abomination to God who forbade Israel from even allowing them to live in their nation. However, the general social mindset today is total acceptance of it, not just tolerance of it. Some protestant denominations are even ordaining homosexual pastors and bishops. It ***“seemeth right unto”*** them.

Can an ordained minister who is an actively practicing homosexual go to heaven? No. They are unrepentant of their sinful lifestyle. Sin cannot be found in heaven. Only those who have truly repented and turned away from the practice can enter there.

What about a “woman’s right to choose” an abortion? They have believed the slogan, “my body, my right to my own body.” It is a deception. They made their choice the day they conceived. They do not have a God given right to choose death over somebody’s innocent body. The babe in the womb is not their body. Yet, it ***“seemeth right”*** to their relativistic view.

There are numerous other things that people in their own view, or the view of society, may seem right. If it goes against God’s revealed truth in scripture, it can lead them into eternal condemnation.

That is why we must each study scripture for ourselves. Taking someone else’s word for it, even a pastor or a church, can lead ultimately to destruction when the teaching is contrary to scripture.

There are also “good fundamental” churches who do not teach or support the obviously “bad” things we discussed. However, they often fail to teach the “good” foundations. Their teaching, while good, remains rather shallow. You should be asking questions to dig deeper.