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Proverbs 26:1-10

Proverbs are short wise sayings. Sometimes figurative lang.

INT: Text: Fool and a proverb are of unequal rank.

Fool can teach as well as one-legged man can run.

Point: We must discern between the lame and the healthy.

I SOME PEOPLE ARE LAME IN RELIGION ON PURPOSE.

A. Know better but wont do better. One-legged. Stopped.

1. Dentist admitted truth. Can't change, lose practice.

2. Preacher admitted to. Can't change, lose church.

3. Grocer also admitted. Can't change, lose friends.

B. Truth and cowards are not equal. Believe-wont do it.

C. Foolish to persist in sin because of consequences.

James 4:17 - Romans 6:23.

D. Real tragedy is seen in harm to others. Luke 6:39. YOU?

II SOME ARE LAME BECAUSE THEY NEVER EXERCISED THEIR MIND.

A. Many don't want too much religion. Too confining.

B. Others don't study for fear they will learn truth.

C. Too many Americans just soft-soaped into dang. lethargy.

1. Some folks preach too much doctrine-gone to seed.

2. Justness determined by what doctrine is.

a. Paul called all he preached doctrine. Rom. 16:17.

(1) Cannot preach Paul's words without doctrine.

b. God's Word is called His doctrine. I Tim. 6:1-2.

(1) If preach Bible at all are teaching doctrine.

(2) Most agree on doctrine of: Virgin birth, sal. by blood of Christ, resurrection, afterlife.

c. "Not what I mean!" He means: Why do you discuss the differences between religious groups?

(1) Same reason parent teaches child difference in associates. Some good and some bad.

d. Jesus makes no promise to erring even if they are sincere. Matt. 7:21-23.

3. Submit: N. T. plan of Sal. H-B-R-C-B. Find error!!!!

4. Submit: N. T. plan for worship. Sing only, pray, give Lord's Supper weekly and fellowship. Error??

5. Submit: N. T. church organization. Elders, deacons, evangelists and teachers. Find my error!!!!

D. Legs of lame are not equal. Don't believe it and wont check on it either. A position with no basis!!

III SOME ARE LAME THROUGH UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES. II S. 4:4

A. Taught by best friend to let conscience be guide.

1. Why does conscience bother you? Something is wrong.

2. How know it is wrong. Con. is product of education.

B. Led by loved one to accept preacher as final authority.

1. Being a fine person does not keep one right.
2. But authority was given to Christ. Matt. 28:18.
3. God said listen to Jesus. Matt. 17:5. Heb. 1:1-2.
4. What does a preacher know anyway?
 - a. What he thinks personally. Not worth anything.
 - b. What he reads in the Bible. Be sure its there.
5. If he teaches you wrong then youre both goners.
6. If he teaches you right, what credit to you if he did all the work?

C. Guided by loved one to pay no one any mind. Just be good

1. Cornelius was good. Not good enough to be saved.
2. Rich young ruler was good. Wouldn't obey all.
3. No one good or happy until he finds peace. R. 5:1.

INV: To be justified is to be freed from all guilt.
Faith is the stimulus. It prompts R-C-B.

Erring: Legs of lame are not equal. Cannot live in sin and expect to stand with God. R-P.