

## Being right is not always right

**Scenario:** 2 Cor 9:6 says, "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. "There are those who choose to invest their money in worldly investments, instead of Grace-giving. They seem to make out very well financially. Therefore, everything turned out right...right?

**The reason this is not right is because the "seen outcome" surpassed honoring God. Similar situation includes:**

- Husbands not loving wife God's way for perceived self-comfort
- Wives not submitting to their husband, but choosing desirable relationship instead
- Followers not submitting to leaders (Godly/worldly) for desirable leadership and solutions.
- Partnering unequally to fulfill desired relationships
- Children not obeying their parents to have it their way
- Many others

**How it seems, is usually false information**

Prov 16:25 -There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. (Prov 14:12)

Prov 12:15 -The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

**Above everything else, we must honor God by obeying HIM** - 1 Sam 15:22-23 - 22 But Samuel replied: "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? **TO OBEY is better than sacrifice**, and **TO HEED is better than the fat of rams**. 23 For **REBELLION IS LIKE** the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king."

**Following David's example; we must revere God, not be led on how it looks** - 1 Sam 26:7-11 - 7 So David and Abishai went to the army by night, and there was Saul, lying asleep inside the camp with his spear stuck in the ground near his head. Abner and the soldiers were lying around him. 8 **Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hands**. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of my spear; I won't strike him twice." 9 But David said to Abishai, **"Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on THE LORD'S ANOINTED and be guiltless?"** 10 As surely as the Lord lives," he said, "the Lord himself will strike him; either his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. 11 **But the Lord forbid that I should lay a hand on the Lord's anointed**. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let's go."

**Other Biblical examples of where what seems right isn't always right**

**Godly character, better than financial outcome** - Prov 16:19 Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.

**Recognizing reality than to celebrate in ignorance** - Eccl 7:2 It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart.

**Wise criticism is better than desirable advice** - Eccl 7:5 It is better to heed a wise man's rebuke than to listen to the song of fools.

**ALWAYS better to only follow God than to follow man** - Ps 118:8-9 - 8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. 9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

**How to succeed in Truly choosing what is really right**

**Use the only sense that matters** - 2 Cor 5:7 -We live by faith, **NOT BY sight**.

**We must first recognize HE is God!** - Prov 9:10 -"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

**Using that sense of faith, reverently check God for EVERYTHING** - Phil 2:12-13 - 12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

**Know that though other solutions may seem good He is the only absolute truth** - John 14:6 -Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Truly love HIM, not just in words but in action also** - 2 John 6 And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

**Then Truly trust HIM** - Prov 3:5-6 - 5 **TRUST IN THE LORD** with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.