2Thess #177

Is the vineyard of your soul overgrown by the weeds of life?

Open today in the OT – Proverbs chapter 24 RF.

We are now in a series related to an unorganized life, which breeds laziness and apathy that infects the walk of a Bel.

/The infection of the apathy of mind and laziness is a symptom of a disorderly life. Even the natural life it is a personal corrosion. It is a satanic tool that distracts, discourages and defeats many people, Believer or Unbeliever. The culprit is motivation and being a disorderly person, unorganized and lackluster. \

Even if you are elderly or have a medical disability you can have an organized life. You can have a positive attitude and motivation to have an orderly life with goals and accomplishments.

Those goals and accomplishments do not need to revolve around a 40-hour work week and a paycheck. They may revolve around helping others, evangelizing and reaching out to those in need.

Perhaps its working for a ministry as a volunteer.

Maybe its helping Veterans with disabilities.

The first place it must begin is in your soul – you have no excuse not to be in a good habit of digesting BD weekly.

One sign you have to pay attention to is procrastination…it is a signal you may be getting infected by this culprit of apathy and laziness.

 REPEAT

Like Apollo Creed said to Rocky when he was lethargic training for the Clubber Lang fight (Mr. T) –

‘THERE IS NO TOMORROW!’

Now as many of you know King Solomon wrote large portions of the Proverbs and this chapter is definitely one that came from Solomon.

This chapter begins with a stern warning for those who indulge in the cosmic system, especially the Unbels who stand against the truth of TLJC.

King Solomon warns against the evil in the world and that the only pathway to real success is through BD – knowledge.

Not just Gnosis but wisdom, Epi-gnosis meaning spiritual growth. The place the Bel gets to when they fully trust in and are able to apply the WORD of GOD.

We are going to bounce through this chapter so let’s pick it up in verse 9 first;

/Prov 24:9 **The devising of foolishness is sin**, And **the scoffer** is an abomination to humanity.

The mental attitude of the soul eventually comes out in words and actions. Those lacking BD in the soul are easily led into wickedness and devious thoughts, words and actions.\

[Pro 24:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/pro/24/10/s_652010) *If* you show yourself lacking courage on the day of distress, Your strength is meager.

The Hebrew verb - *rāp̄â (RAW-FAAR)* is used here for not just ***lacking***, it points to a mental attitude of weakness. Lacking true growth always puts us in position of weakness.

/[Pro 24:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/pro/24/11/s_652011) **Rescue**(*nāṣal*) **those who are being taken away to death**,And those who are staggering to the slaughter, Oh hold *them* back!

This is a call for salvation. The Hiphil stem points to rescue and grab hold, to deliver those who are heading for everlasting damnation.\

NOT-SAL- is written in an imperative mood - like a command.

All Bels become responsible to do their best to evangelize and get the gospel out to a lost and dying world.

Most Christians do not take that call serious, because they are living a life organized around worldly priorities.

 REPEAT

Never forget, Satan has many small victories by simply keeping Christians busy in the devil’s world.

Therefore, they never reach their full potential inside the plan of GOD.

The apathetic attitude and laziness that infects Bels who live a disorderly life actually is robbing them of time that GOD gave them to grow in the temporal.

 REPEAT

The older you get folks, the more TIME outweighs the power of wealth.

/[Pro 24:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/pro/24/12/s_652012) **If you say, “See, we did not know this,”** Does He who weighs the hearts not consider *it?*And does **He who watches over your soul not know *it?*** And **will He not repay a person according to his work?**

Ignorance loses its potency after a short period beyond the salvation gate. Excuses are futile with GOD. (Heb 4:13)\

HE sees every motivation and HE looks at the heart – all things are laid bare in front of GOD.

You are responsible for seeking accuracy in the WORD, you do so by finding your right pastor-teacher. After that, you become responsible for what the HS is teaching in that ministry.

Jump down a few verses RF.

Never forget you are responsible for what the SPIRIT is currently saying to the church.

You will begin to notice how much King Solomon is warning about our thoughts, the heart…the soul structure in this chapter.

/Prov 24:30 I passed by **the field** of a lazy one, And by **the vineyard** of a person lacking sense,

The field and the vineyard are places of growth – a place where fruit and nutrition grow. This is a deep reference to the soul structure.\

The majority of the problems within our life almost always begin deep within the soul.

/A field and vineyard produce life giving fruits and vegetables, they need work, they need sowing, water, daylight, planting and tilling or pruning. A plush field and vineyard are the result of an organized and hard-worker farmer. This takes motivation and mental fortitude daily, in season and out of season. Your soul is exactly that field or vineyard GOD has given to all of us.\

God gave everyone an opportunity to believe upon HIS precious SON Jesus Christ.

Meaning, everyone who ever lived was invited to be in the grace pan of GOD – many never accept the invitation.

God has given us all time, talent and treasure…as well as equal opportunity and equal privilege at salvation (40 grace gifts).

We all reach an age of accountability and we all have to accept full responsibility for our own life. (ALTAR CALL)

/[Pro 24:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/pro/24/31/s_652031) And behold, it was **completely overgrown with weeds**;Its surface was **covered with weeds**,And its **stone wall was broken down**.

Weeds (tares) are seeds of Satan and distractions of the devil’s world, just as thorns are very negative in scripture.\

The theology behind weeds, tares and thorns is always symbolized as the entanglement and trickery of the devil’s world.

/ Mat 13:24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is **like a man who sowed good seed in his field**. 25 “But **while his men were sleeping**, his **enemy came and sowed weeds** among the wheat, and left.

Weeds (tares) are counterfeits of real wheat and they entangle in the roots and choke out good wheat.\

The men sleeping speak to those with a lazy attitude, those who allow the cosmic system to infiltrate their soul structure.

/Prov 24:31 – the weeds have overgrown the soul structure and the broken wall, speaks to poor maintenance, no protection around that soul structure.

Weeds – are related to Satan’s counterfeits as well as the details or distractions of the cosmic system.

The wall – is related to the build up of BD in the soul. It is also connected to your fellowship in the HS.\

Your OSN wants you to keep your guard down, it is a nature that enjoys a selfish lifestyle and it is opposed to BD.

Satan’s demonic forces want to separate you from fellowship, it is the only form of victory they can achieve for the Bel.

The Bel who consistently uses the two power options will not fall into this trickery.

[Pro 24:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/pro/24/32/s_652032) When I saw, I reflected upon it;I looked, *and* received instruction.

King Solomon was one of the wisest men of the ancient world, yet even he had great failure and struggles in his life.

He states this from a viewpoint of God the HS – that is where instruction should come from - the WORD as we are filled by the HS.

It was the result of laziness, the result of an apathetic attitude and a disorderly life, that allowed the weeds to overgrow and neglected the wall as it slowly broke down.

/[Pro 24:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/pro/24/33/s_652033) “A little sleep, a little slumber,A **little folding**(*ḥibuq*) **of the hands to rest**,”

Sleeping is not the issue, good nutrition, exercise and sleep are a necessity. This points to a mentality and consistency of lifestyle that is lazy.\

HE-BOOK, was only used about 3x in the OT always pointing to a lazy mind-set, leading to a lazy lifestyle.

This was a term used to point out a lazy person. Folding the hands and resting.

[Pro 24:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/pro/24/34/s_652034) Then your poverty will come like a drifter,And your need like an armed man.

/ This is a result of neglect, poverty (problems) will come upon them as suddenly, as strongly, as an armed man. In this case, the lazy man thinks he is innocent because he did not deliberately, sow the weeds (thorns) or willfully break the wall, but his neglect of duty brought this result— and he is without excuse. The drifter comes in appearing innocent and slowly gets familiar with a city.\

We will close today in Isaiah chapter 28.

Once you get a sense you are stuck in an apathetic cycle, especially toward BD - you have to forcefully and willfully pull yourself up by the boot straps and get into the right study habits.

Self-discipline is doing what you know, needs to get done…even when you do not want to do it!

Now in Isaiah chapter 28 we see the Northern Tribe of Israel (Ephraim) was already heading into discipline and the warning now is for Judah, the Southern tribe which would soon follow.

At the end of the chapter, we see a great lesson on God’s principle of – the right thing done in the right way.

The concept still revolves around the analogy of the soul structure and the farmers field or the vineyard.

Isa 28:23 Listen and hear my voice, Pay attention and hear my words.

/[Isa 28:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/28/24/s_707024) **Does the farmer plow continually to plant seed**?Does he *continually* turn and break up his ground?

There is a right timing, method and orderly fashion to how the Bel moves forward in the plan of GOD.\

[Isa 28:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/28/25/s_707025) Does he not level its surfaceAnd sow dill and scatter cumin andplant wheat in rows,Barley in its place and rye within its area?

You must know when to plough, when to plant, how to plant, how to harvest, this speaks to a Bel getting themselves organized and prioritized into BD.

/[Isa 28:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/28/26/s_707026) For his God instructs and teaches him properly.

You can never grow outside of learning accurate Bible Doctrine. Which means availability, humility and consistency have to become a lifestyle.\

[Isa 28:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/28/27/s_707027) For dill is not threshed with a threshing sledge,Nor is the cartwheel driven over cumin;But dill is beaten out with a rod, and cumin with a club.

/Dill was used for soups, seasoning, medicine and even wrapped in a wreath for champions of the arena. Cumin had medicinal purpose as well as a spice for foods. Both have to be grown and reaped in different manners. Every Bel has a growing structure and crop (fruit) within their soul, each will grow separately and reap at different points.\

Notice it is the same farmer and the same farm land, yet different results and different products.

[Isa 28:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/28/28/s_707028) *Grain for* bread is crushed,Indeed, he does not continue to thresh it forever.Because the wheel of his cart and his horses *eventually* damage *it,*He does not thresh it *longer.*

/The WORD (mind of Christ) is the bread of life – it must be handled properly for proper nutrition. Every Bel may get a different message from God the HS during accurate teaching, each grow at their own pace. Yet the handling of the WORD must be done in a specific fashion by an ordained MAN of God.\

[Isa 28:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/28/29/s_707029) This also comes from the LORD of armies,*Who* has made His counsel wonderful and *His* wisdom great.

The counsel and wisdom we get from the mind of Christ, is DIVINELY inspired. It is never imitated or duplicated, even though Satan has his own counterfeit system.

The Believer who grows toward maturity will be able to discern truth from the lies and the religious nonsense from accurate teaching.

This only happens when that Christian gets their life in order, balanced and organized and then prioritize the study of the WORD of God.

We have all we need from GOD - we have above and beyond what we need in the completed canon of scripture.

 We have the filling power of GOD the HS – we have eternal security… all part of the 40 grace gifts of GOD.

Isaiah speaks about the counsel and wisdom of GOD – TLJC is GOD.

/Isa 9:6 For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.\**

We have a supernatural union with Christ – we are graphed into the family of GOD. We as CA Bels are Royality.

We are the bride of Christ - and the Bridegroom returns for HIS bride suddenly and scoops her up into the clouds of the air, for a 7 year wedding celebration in heaven.

While seven years of discipline hit the earth during the Tribulation period.

What more do you need for motivation?