

GOING RIGHT IN A CULTURE GONE WRONG-1

PSALMS 101:1-2

1 I will sing of your love and justice, Lord.

I will praise you with songs.

2 I will be careful to live a blameless life—

when will you come to help me? I will lead a life of integrity in my own home.

CULTURE: the set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization

OUR SOUL IS COMPRISED OF OUR MIND, WILL AND EMOTIONS.

MATTHEW 26:41 Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!"

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23 Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

PERSONAL PRIORITY (LOVE AND JUSTICE)

This is the foundation. Whatever your role in the family, this is your responsibility. If you're the father, building a godly home will obviously require a personal commitment. But if the mother doesn't make it a priority, he'll have a tough time getting the job done, just as she would have a tough time without him. Every member of the family has to help with this work. Every child, and every family member that, perhaps, has come to live with the family.

David not only guarded how he would walk when he appeared in public, when he sat in the throne, but how he would walk within his house, where he was more out of the eye of the world, but where he still saw himself under the eye of God. SPHERE OF POWER.

MAKE THE WORD OF GOD OUR RULE, RULED BY IT, THE GLORY OF GOD OUR AIM AND WALKING WITH A PERFECT HEART

2 SAMUEL 6:20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows hshamelessly uncovers himself!"

Those that are in public stations are not thereby excused from care in governing their families; nay, rather, they are more concerned to set a good example of ruling their own houses well, 1 Tim. iii. 4. When David had his hands full of public affairs, yet he returned to bless his house, 2 Sam. vi. 20. He resolves, (1.) To act conscientiously and with integrity, to walk in a perfect way, in the way of God's commandments; that is a perfect way, for the law of the Lord is perfect. This he will walk in with a perfect heart, with all sincerity, not dissembling either with God or men.

When we make the word of God our rule, and are ruled by it, the glory of God our end, and aim at it, then we walk in a perfect way with a perfect heart.

Intentional action

1 SAMUEL 18:14 David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the Lord was with him.

Verse 2 says, "I will be careful to lead a blameless life."

If the emphasis on this sentence is "blameless," or "perfection," the job will seem too difficult.

Failure will greet you almost immediately, for no home is a perfect place. But if the emphasis of your intentions is on the first part of this sentence, you might just make it.

To act conscientiously and with integrity, to walk in a perfect way, in the way of God's commandments; that is a perfect way, for the law of the Lord is perfect. This he will walk in with a perfect heart, with all sincerity, not dissembling either with God or men. When we make the word of God our rule, and are ruled by it, the glory of God our end, and aim at it, then we walk in a perfect way with a perfect heart. (2.) To act considerately and with discretion: I will behave myself wisely; I will understand or instruct myself in a perfect way.

Future Action: "I will" explicitly refers to something that will happen in the future, not immediately or in the past.

Intent and Commitment: It's not just a statement about what might happen; it's a declaration of intent, meaning the speaker has made a conscious decision to act.

Promise and Responsibility: "I will" often implies a promise, suggesting that the speaker feels a sense of responsibility to fulfill their stated intention.

Active Choice: It indicates an active choice, not a passive acceptance of circumstances. The speaker is taking initiative and making a commitment.