

Dig-A-Little-Deeper

McCain and Obama and God's Choice

- Monday** It is election time again! I am not supposed to influence you on who to vote for, but since the Bible has much to say on this topic, I cannot help myself. As NRCC continues the AmazinG Race through the One Year Bible, we find that Proverbs 21 has a lot to say about leadership and what our leaders should look like. So without me telling you who to vote for specifically, let this chapter guide you. Meditate (pause to consider something repeatedly for a short time) on Proverbs 21:1-4. Ask God to lead in your decision this fall.
- Tuesday** Read Proverbs 21:5-11. What are your values based upon? Comfort? Money? Pleasure? Principle? Generosity? Honesty? Values dictate how one lives and they will dictate how a leader leads. Look at the lifestyle of your leaders and instead of expecting perfection, look for a chasing after what is right and honest over an extended period of time. The other candidates will try to get you focused on single indiscretions which exist in every life. Seek to make the choices about your leaders and your own life by chasing after right even when we fall. Ask God what He thinks about that idea.
- Wednesday** Proverbs 21:12-16 gets personal. It begins to describe effective leaders as those who have compassion, are willing to compromise for another's good, and stand for justice in the place of those who cannot. Are these the characteristics that you seek in the life of your leaders or is it "the economy, stupid!" as some leaders have told us? Are there things more important than the economy? Talk to God about what He means in these verses and then apply His answer to your choice of leader and to yourself.
- Thursday** Proverbs 21:17-22 finally takes us to the economy. Note what God has to say about how we should view the economy. There are no "get rich quick" solutions... happiness and pleasure should not be our goal. Nor does He think we should marry ourselves to those who believe and think differently or we will soon find ourselves in bed with a nagging and draining spouse. Pray that our leaders will lead according to principle rather than pleasure, by value of the soul rather than value of the dollar.
- Friday** Ethic is discussed in Proverbs 21:23-29. Are the leaders you vote for known for opulent lifestyles and a diva mentality? Avoid them for they lack character. Pray that they would be convicted and changed. Apply this truth to yourself as well.
- Saturday** Proverbs 21:30,31 ends by encouraging all of us to relax as God is in control of all leadership and all plans. Give the future over to God and quit stressing. Even with poor leadership and evil issues, God will work everything to good!

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