

The Influence of Leaders

Text: Proverbs 29:2

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I. RIGHTEOUS LEADERS

1. The word righteous means lawful.
2. The righteous leader will seek to do right and seek the best for those whom he serves.
 - (1) The righteous leader will seek to protect his people.
 - (2) The righteous leader will seek to provide for his people (*Proverbs 29:7*)
 - (3) The righteous leader will promote unity among the people.
 - (4) The righteous leader will seek to perform well for his people.
3. In response to the righteous rulers, the people rejoice. This word means to brighten or to cheer up, to make glad.

II. WICKED LEADERS

1. Wicked leaders are morally wrong and ungodly.
 - (1) These leaders are hostile to God.
 - (2) They deceive.
 - (3) They lie (*Prov. 29:12*).
 - (4) They steal.
 - (5) They cheat.
 - (6) They are corrupt.
 - (7) They are selfish (*Proverbs 28: 15*)
 - (8) They manipulate.
 - (9) They oppress.
 - (10) They summon other wicked people to help them carry out their evil deeds (*Proverbs 29:12; Proverbs 29:16*)
2. In response to wicked rulers, the verse says people mourn.
3. Never underestimate Satan's influence (*Ephesians 6: 10-12*)
 - (1) He can tempt one to disobey God (*Gen. 3: 4-5; Mt. 4:1*).
 - (2) He can inflict disease (*Jb. 2:7*).
 - (3) He can sow tares among the wheat (*Mt. 13:38-39*).
 - (4) He can ruin the soul and body (*Lk. 9:42*).
 - (5) He can instigate men to sin (*Jn. 13:2*).

III. WHAT WE SEE HAPPENING IN OUR NATION IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL