

Always Leaning

Proverbs 3.5-6

Our society holds self-sufficiency up as a virtue. We applaud the self-made millionaire and the self-taught celebrity. When the question is asked, “Can you use a hand?” the expected answer is “No, I can handle it.” Self-sufficiency is a strong value, but it is a flawed value.

Actually, it is worse than flawed. It is downright sinful. Pride is the original sin – it was self-sufficiency that caused Lucifer to fall from heaven, and self-sufficiency that expelled Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. And it is self-sufficiency that ruins our lives today.

Session in a Sentence: _____

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ **Trust in the LORD** with all your heart, and **do not lean** on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

1. The Wrong Way to Lean

It causes
Proverbs 13:10; Proverbs 28:25 (NKJV)

It causes
Proverbs 21:24

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Proverbs 11:2; Proverbs 29:23; Proverbs 16:18

2. The Right Way to Lean

Leaning for salvation
Proverbs 16:6; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9

Leaning for success
Proverbs 16:3; Proverbs 28:25; Joshua 1:8

Leaning for sensibility
Proverbs 16:9