

A “Straight Course”

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Proverbs 15:20-33

The Book of Proverbs constantly presents us with contrasts. One phrase advises us how to be wise, to do good, or to gain the approval of the Lord. The next phrase warns us of the consequences for doing the opposite. Proverbs 15:21 reverses that order.

This reminds me of the first time I went fishing. The crappies were prolific in our nearby lake and we went to take advantage of them. We put minnows on our hooks with a simple sinker and float on a fixed line; we had a field day catching fish. Those fish had no sense at all. In the late afternoon sunshine, the rays of light glinted off the minnows and the crappies went for them. When they did, they were ours! I'm sure those crappies must have seen their brothers and sisters being snatched out of the water before their eyes, but did that make any difference to them? None at all! All they could think of was the joy of grabbing that juicy little minnow, and it led them to their destruction.

We must not be like those foolish fish. We need to follow the wisdom of the Lord, keeping to His straight course.

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