

Righteous Behavior Described

- **v30a** ~ “mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom” ~ “not foolishness”
 - *///*: Tony: Advice of deacon to divorce his wife ~ “happy”
- **v30b** ~ “tongue talks of justice” ~ “not lawlessness”
 - We Christians should honor lawful authority
- **v31a** ~ “law of his God is in his heart” ~ “not love”
 - God’s law drives out foolishness / Love too often tolerates it . . .
- **v31b** ~ “None of his steps shall slide” ~ safety vs jeopardy
 - We are safe with God / let’s not be worriers

Wicked Behavior Described

- **v32a** ~ “wicked watches the righteous” ~ “not ignores”
 - The wicked oppose the righteous with passion
 - Jesus said why this is, “I testify of it that its works are evil” (Jn 7.7)
 - We sometimes want to think they don’t notice ~ but they see it all
 - The wicked often justify themselves based on our sins
 - We then model either self-righteousness / or Christ-righteousness
- **v32b** ~ “seeks to slay him” ~ “not save him”
 - Your unbelieving friends plot your ruin
 - **2 Tim 2.26** ~ “taken captive by him to do his will”)
 - If you’re more comfortable with unbelievers than with believers,
 - Does that say you’re more comfortable with Satan’s followers than God’s?

God’s Behavior Described

- **v33a** ~ “will not leave him in his hand” ~ rescue vs abandon
 - God doesn’t always prevent it ~ but He always remedies it
- **v33b** ~ “nor condemn him when judged” ~ God justifies us (*though unworthy*)
 - The wicked refuse forgiveness ~ too proud and comfortable with sin
 - *///*: Bumper sticker: “Faith is a journey, not a guilt trip”

**We Christians have accepted God’s forgiveness ~ But we forget our need of it
 We deceive ourselves thinking we’re worthy of God’s love & forgiveness**