

Thirty Sayings of the Wise – Saying 19
PM Service Proverbs 24:1-2 Sept 25, 2016

Introduction

“troublemaker.”

**Saying 13 – You have a choice. You can envy sinners
or fear the Lord.**

Choice

Two Possibilities

1. Do not let your heart envy sinners.
2. Be zealous for the fear of the LORD all the day.

Why should we choose to be zealous for the Lord?

1. There is a hereafter.
2. Our hope in the Lord will not be disappointed.

Saying 19

The Commands

1. Do not be envious of evil men.

“envy”
“evil men”

2. Do not desire to be with them.

“desire”

3. The caution

“Let not such a thought ever come into thy mind, ‘O that I could shake off the restraints of religion and conscience, and take as great a liberty to indulge the sensual appetite, as I see such and such do! No; *desire not to be with them*, to do as they do and fare as they fare, and to *cast in thy lot among them.*” Matthew Henry

The Reasons

1. Their hearts devise violence.

“heart”
“devise”
“violence”

2. Their lips talk of troublemaking.

“lips”
“talk”
“troublemaking”

3. Their end is destruction.

Why choose to be zealous for God instead of envious of evil men?

- There is a hereafter.
- Our hope in the Lord will not be disappointed.

How about you?

2 Tim 3:10-14

10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra — what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

May we live godly lives in the midst of evil, deceptive men.

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery