

Proverbs Series

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Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

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Guide for Skillful Living

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**“Righteous vs. Wicked:
The Meaning of Righteous”
Selected Scripture**

1. What is righteousness?

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צֶדֶק *tzedeq*

“righteousness, conformity to a standard”

“an ethical, moral standard and, of course, in the Old Testament that standard is the nature and will of God” ~*TWOT*

Psa. 145:17,

**“The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and holy in all his works.”**

Prov. 21:3, “To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.”

**2. Four categories of righteousness:
Absolute, relative, positional, and
experiential.**

a. Absolute righteousness:

Deut. 32:4,

**“He is the Rock,
His work is perfect;
For all His ways are justice,
A God of truth and without injustice;
Righteous and upright (*yashar* “straight”) is
He.”**

2 Chron. 12:6, “So the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, ‘The LORD is righteous.’ ”

Psa. 11:7,

**“For the LORD is righteous,
He loves righteousness;
His countenance beholds the upright (*yashar*:
straight, conforming to the standard of *tzedeq*).”**