

## *Be Aware of Extremes*

**“Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself?” (Ecclesiastes 7:16 KJV)**

**“Do not be overrighteous, neither be overwise— why destroy yourself?” (Proverbs 7:16 NIV)**

As to saints, it will be good to engage them to proceed and persevere in their righteousness. But, yet will be an admonition to them to take heed of running into extremes:

**Be not righteous over much; Do not be overrighteous:** A just man may perish in his righteousness, but let him not by his own imprudence and rash zeal, pull trouble upon his own head, and then reflect upon Providence as dealing hardly with him.

In the acts of righteousness you need to govern yourself by the rules of prudence, and be not move and elated neither by a zeal for God, into any intemperate anger, nor passions, nor any practices improper to your character or dangerous to your interests.

You need to consider that there may be over-doing in well-doing. For example self-denial and

mortification of the flesh are good; but if we prejudice our health by them and affect our bodies and made them unfit ourselves for the service of God, we are righteous overmuch.

Another example; to reprove those that offend is good, but to cast that pearl before swine, who will turn again and rend us, is to be righteous overmuch.

**neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself? neither be overwise— why destroy yourself?:** Make not yourself over-wise. Be not opinionative, and conceited of your own abilities. Set not up for a dictator, nor pretend to give law to, and give judgment upon, all about you. Set not up for a critic, to find fault with everything that is said and done, nor busy yourself in other men's matters, as if you know everything and can do anything. Why should you destroy yourself, as fools often do by meddling with strife that belongs not to them?

Why should you provoke authority, and run yourself into the briars, by needless contradictions, and by going out of your sphere to correct what is amiss?

Instead, be wise as serpents; beware of men and beware of yourself, and avoid to put yourself in dangerous zone and unnecessary troubles.

I pray that the message will help you to recognize where you have gone so far and unnecessarily. You need now to stop, look, and consider moving in the sphere of the safe area that the word of God revealing to you in this message as you agree to pray.

### **My Prayer**

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. I thank you Lord for your word that revealed to me important fact and useful instruction in avoiding extremes. Lord I repent from this sin \_\_\_\_\_. Lord helps me to control myself and to stop where I need to stop. Give me awareness and discernment o avoid that. I thank you and praise you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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# The Lord Is My Shepherd

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**“Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.”**

**(Philippians 4:5 KJV)**

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