Reasoning From The Consequences

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INTRODUCTION

- Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey.
- When people look at the truth and are confronted with the truth, they begin to see the implications of embracing this message or even rejecting this message. People will immediately begin to reason from the consequences.
- We have the New Testament. We need to hear this. Don't start reasoning from the consequences.

1 The "Negative" Side Effects of Obedience to the Lord

Matthew 10:34–36; Luke 6:26; Philippians 3:8

- When you choose to serve the Lord, it could well have an impact on your relationship with others.
- When you do the right thing and stand for the right things, somebody's going to hate you for it.
- It may cost you some income, an advancement.
- Because in regard to the value of what you have to lose versus what you gain, it's not negative. It's actually quite positive.
- I count all things to be lost, Paul said in Philippians chapter 3, to know Christ Jesus, my Lord.
- So are we going to focus on the negatives or the positives?

2 Consequences of Succumbing to Temptation Versus Overcoming

1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 6:4–6; 2 Peter 2:19–21

- With each temptation, God has provided a way of escape.
- You still have to repent to receive forgiveness.
- If we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice of sins.
- Sin by its very nature, is deceiving and enslaving and destructive. It's never good.
- It offers you something in the moment, but it can grip you for a lifetime.
- But the impact your sinfulness can have upon others. You need to reason about the consequences.

3 The Outcome of Rejecting God's Righteousness

Jeremiah 5:30–31; Romans 6:21–23; Psalm 39:4–6

- An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land. The prophets prophesy falsely. And the priests rule on their own authority. And my people love it so.

- What benefit was in those things? And why are you tempted to go back to those things? For the outcome of those things is death.
- The wages of sin is death. But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Lord, make me to know my end and how transient I am, how short lived I am, and the extent of my days.
- You reject the Lord, I'm going to guarantee you, this is your life. It's an uproar for nothing.

THE CHALLENGE

So, reasoning from the consequences, it can be bad or it can be good. And so you need to consider the implications of your decisions while there's time and opportunity.

MY NOTES