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Time to Consider



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Through the Psalms
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> I have considered my ways
> and have turned my steps to your statutes.
> I will hasten and not delay
> to obey your commands.
> (Psalm 119:59–60)

From time to time in the midst of life we need to pause and consider our ways. It is easy to become so preoccupied with an endless succession of activities that we forget our overall objectives. We devote so much attention to the individual trees in our life that we lose sight of the forest that is God's eternal purpose. When this happens, we need to stop and ask ourselves two basic questions: first, what is the end purpose of all that I am doing? Second, am I achieving that purpose?

The failure to face these basic issues can lead to a sense of frustration that defies analysis. We are doing a lot of seemingly important things, yet are inwardly dissatisfied and not seeing the results we expect. This was exactly the problem with which Haggai confronted the Jewish people in his day: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it" (Haggai 1:5–6).

David, too, had experienced this kind of frustration in his life, and he shows us the remedy he had discovered: to bring our lives into line with God's statutes; to make obedience to His commands our first priority. This will restore harmony and productivity to all the other areas of our life.

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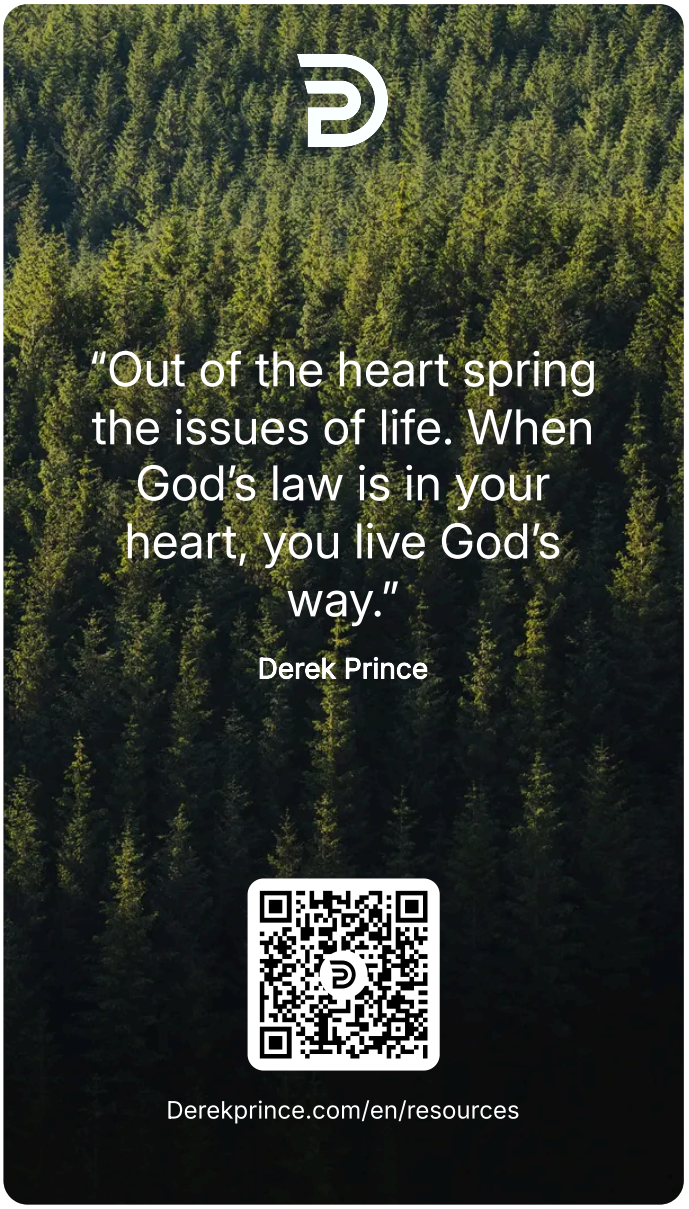

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