

## **LESSON - ROMANS 1:18-32** (NIV based)

THEME - Qualities Of The Wicked

OBJECTIVE - to search for the qualities and make personal applications

v.18 God actively opposes their wickedness; they suppress the truth

v.19 they know about God from creation - plain to them

v.20 they are without excuse - stand condemned

v.21 they reject God; futile thinking; foolish; blinded

v.22 they think they are wise but are foolish

v.23 they worship man & animals instead of God

v.24 consumed by sexual desires

v.25 desire to believe lies; abandon the truth

v.27 penalty - trapped in it; can't have normal relationships with women

v.28 have depraved minds resulting in depraved actions

v.29 filled with wickedness; hate and destroy others (vv.29-30)

Proverbs 5:22 ensnared by their evil deeds

v.30 build themselves up and cut down others; invent ways of doing evil

v.31 cold-hearted towards others

v.32 encourage others to do evil

QUESTIONS:

Are there any similarities to the way we were or maybe still are in some respects?

Do we Christians expect the heathen or wicked to be well-behaved?

Do we view them as getting what they deserve?

Do we feel superior to them because we don't do these things?

BIG IDEA:

What are the two keys for reaching the heathen/wicked? truth (v.25) and knowledge of God (v.28)

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