

Study Guide for October 16th, 2005. In Search of the Good Life: Deut. 22:1-12.

Introduction: Have you ever had something you had lost returned to you? How did you feel? Have you returned some valuable to its owner? How did the owner react?

I. Finders . . . Returners: Deut. 22:1-4.

- A. What is commanded if a man finds a fallen or straying animal? (see Ex. 23:4-5)
- B. What normal human response must be overcome to carry out this instruction?
- C. Read Prov. 12:10 & 27: 23. What character quality is being developed in this?
- D. What would happen in a society if this law were consistently followed or ignored?

II. Gender Celebration: Deut. 22:5.

- A. Why do you think God makes this prohibition? (see also Lev. 18:22 & 20:13)
- B. How can we celebrate the way God made us? What must we resist in our culture?

III . Hold Back: Deut. 22:6-7.

- A. Why is this law prudent? (see also Lev. 22:28 for similar legislation)
- B. What might be some applications of this caution against exploitation in our day?

IV. An Ounce of Prevention . . . : Deut. 22:8.

- A. Note: The **flat** roof of Israelite homes is used for a variety of purposes...the possibility of someone falling off to injury or death is very real.” (Wright pg. 241)
- B. Compare this law with that of Ex. 21:33-34. What is God instilling in his people?
- C. List some examples of injury through negligence. How can you be more careful?

V. Purity! Purity! Purity! Deut. 22:9-11

- A. Compare this law with Lev. 19:19. What do you think God is teaching his people?
- B. Reflect on Eph. 5:8-17. What changes should you make to live a **pure** life?

VI. Obedience: Deut. 22:12

- A. A cloak was used as a coat by day and a blanket by night. What was to be added?
- B. Read Numb. 15:37-41. What reason is given for tassels? How can we remember?

