

4 UNDERSTANDING CORRUPTION: ITS CONSEQUENCES AND IMPACT



A. Introduction

Whereas people engage in corrupt practices in the misguided belief that it is beneficial, at least to them, the reality is that the impact of their corrupt practices causes harm not only to society but ultimately to themselves as well. If the Sovereign God detests corruption, then engaging in it will surely not bring blessing and prosperity to the individual and society. It will only bring his retribution. This study guides us in discovering the consequences and impact of corruption so that we can make concrete decisions that would help eradicate this menace.

B. Consequences of Corruption: Micah 6:6-16

1. From this passage what are the consequences of engaging in unjust and corrupt practices?
2. Why do you think that God outlined these consequences to the people?
3. a. Have you witnessed or experienced such consequences in your life or in your society?

b. What practical steps could you take to avoid such consequences?

C. Impact of Corruption:

1. What was the suffering of the Jewish people and what caused it?
2. How did the suffering affect the people?
3. How do corrupt people's actions negatively affect the common people in our society today?

D. Memory Verse: Micah 6:15

"You will plant but not harvest; you will press olives but not use the oil on yourselves, you will crush grapes but not drink the wine."

E. Point of Reflection

What new perspective are you taking out of this study? How will you use it to make your society a better place?

Additional Passages

Amos 5:4-17, Proverbs 15:6, Proverbs 16,19,27, Proverbs 13:6, Proverbs 15:27, Ecclesiastes 7:7, Proverbs 17:8.