

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 180 – Don't Count On Tomorrow Through Don't Wander (Proverbs 27:1-8)

1. Should you count on tomorrow coming?

No: *"Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth"* (**Proverbs 27:1**).

- **Psalms 89:47, Psalms 90:10, James 4:13-16, and I Peter 2:24.**

2. Should you praise yourself?

No, let that come from others: *"Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips"* (**Proverbs 27:2**).

- **Proverbs 25:27, II Corinthians 10:12, and II Corinthians 10:17-18.**

3. Is a fool's wrath a heavy burden?

Heaver than stones and sand: *"A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both"* (**Proverbs 27:3**).

- *"For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one"* (**Job 5:2**).
- Being a fool is bad enough (**Proverbs 3:35, Proverbs 13:16, Proverbs 18:7, Proverbs 23:9, and Ephesians 5:15**).
- Add to that being wrathful and you've got a bad situation (**Proverbs 15:18, Proverbs 19:19, and James 1:19-20**).
- Where does anger rest (**Ecclesiastes 7:9**)?
- Foolishness (**Ecclesiastes 7:17**) and wrath (**Psalms 37:8 and Ephesians 4:31**) should not be part of our lives.

4. What is worse than wrath and anger?

Envy: *"Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy"* (**Proverbs 27:4**)?

- **Proverbs 14:30, Proverbs 27:4, Romans 13:13, I Corinthians 3:1-3, Galatians 5:26, James 3:16, and I Peter 2:1-2.**

5. Is it better to rebuke someone or to have hidden love for that person?

"Open rebuke is better than secret love" (**Proverbs 27:5**).

- **Leviticus 19:17, Proverbs 9:8, Proverbs 28:23, Ecclesiastes 7:5, I Timothy 5:20, II Timothy 4:2, Titus 1:10-14, and Titus 2:15.**

6. How should we view correction when it comes from our friends?

As a faithful action: *"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful"* (**Proverbs 27:6**).

- Correction from friends (**Psalms 141:5**, **Proverbs 25:12**, **Galatians 2:11-17**, and **Revelation 3:19**).
- Deceptive kisses (**Psalms 55:21**, **Proverbs 26:28**, and **Matthew 26:48-50**).

7. Can you get so much of something that you stop appreciating it?

Yes: *"The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet"* (**Proverbs 27:7**).

- You can certainly stop appreciating what you have (**Ecclesiastes 5:10-13**).
- That is why we must always, whether in lacking or abundance (**Philippians 4:11-12**), be content (**I Timothy 6:6-8** and **Hebrews 13:5-6**) and thankful (**Ephesians 5:20** and **I Thessalonians 5:18**).

8. What application can be made from Proverbs 27:8?

The verse says this: *"As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place"* (**Proverbs 27:8**).

- Here is an inspired answer: *"(They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them"* (**Psalms 107:4-5**).
- Wandering away from where you belong is not good (**Proverbs 21:16**, **Hebrews 10:38**, and **II Peter 2:20-22**).