

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

*Part 182 – Man To Man Through Proper Usage Of Your Assets (Proverbs 27:19-27)*

1. Is it possible to see the reflection of your heart in the heart of others as you can see the reflection of your face in water?

Yes: *“As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man” (Proverbs 27:19).*

- The judgment you have in a “heart to heart” can tell you something about yourself (**Matthew 7:2** and **James 2:13**).

2. Will Hell ever have enough people to be full?

No: *“Hell and destruction are never full...” (Proverbs 27:20).*

- The second part of this verse show we’re talking about contentment.
- Satan wants us all (**I Peter 5:8**).
- Sadly, many will enter into Hell (**Matthew 7:13-14**; cf. **I Peter 4:17-19**).

3. Is it hard for man to be content with what he has?

Yes: *“Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied” (Proverbs 27:20).*

- **Ecclesiastes 1:8, Ecclesiastes 5:10-11, Ecclesiastes 6:7, Luke 12:15, I Timothy 6:6-10,** and **I John 2:15-17.**

4. Can a man be measured by how he responds to being praised?

Yes: *“As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise” (Proverbs 27:21).*

- Heat tests metals (**Proverbs 17:3**).
- If he takes praise with humility that shows something (**Proverbs 15:33, Colossians 3:12,** and **I Peter 5:5-6**).
- If praise puffs him up that tells you a lot about him (**Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 16:18, I Corinthians 4:6, Colossians 2:18,** and **I Timothy 3:6**).
- Moreover, praise can cause people to compromise (**John 12:42-43** and **Romans 2:28-29**).
- Honor must be coupled with humility to be good (**Proverbs 29:23**).

5. Is it easy to separate a fool from his foolishness?

No: *“Though thou shouldst bray [pound] a fool in a mortar [hollow place] among wheat with a pestle [heavy tool], yet will not his foolishness depart from him” (Proverbs 27:22).*

- **Proverbs 15:5, Proverbs 17:10, Proverb 29:19, Isaiah 1:5, Jeremiah 2:30,** and **Jeremiah 5:3.**

6. Money is temporary, so how diligent do you need to be in taking care of those things that you need to provide for your living?

No: *“Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds”*  
(**Proverbs 27:23**).

- **Proverbs 10:4, Proverbs 19:15, Proverbs 24:30-34, I Thessalonians 4:11-12, and II Thessalonians 3:10-13.**

7. If you have earthly wealth can you take it easy and trust that wealth to be lasting?

No: *“For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation”*  
(**Proverbs 27:24**)?

- **Psalms 49:10, Proverbs 23:5, Ecclesiastes 5:13-14, and Luke 12:13-21.**

8. Should you use your assets to provide a living for yourself and your family?

Yes: *“(25) The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered. (26) The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field. (27) And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens”* (**Proverbs 27:25-27**).

- **Romans 12:11**
- Use all that God has blessed you with to provide what you need (**I Kings 18:5, Psalms 65:9-13, Psalms 104:14, Psalms 147:8-9, and Acts 14:17**).