

# Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

*Part 165 – A Good Name Through A Bountiful Eye (Proverbs 22:1-9)*

1. How valuable is a good reputation?

More than great riches: *“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold” (Proverbs 22:1).*

- **Ecclesiastes 7:1, Matthew 5:14-16, Acts 22:12, Romans 12:17, I Peter 3:8-17, and III John 12.**

2. What do the rich and poor have in common?

Our Creator: *“The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all” (Proverbs 22:2).*

- *“He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor... Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished” (Proverbs 14:31 and Proverbs 17:5).*
- **Genesis 1:26-27 and Job 34:19**

3. Are simple [naïve] individuals perceptive enough to foresee evil and avoid it?

No: *“A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished” (Proverbs 22:3).*

- **Proverbs 27:12; cf. Proverbs 8:5; 14:18**
- *“A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident” (Proverbs 14:16).*
- If the simple would take the wisdom that comes from God’s word, they’d not find so much trouble (**Psalms 19:7, Psalms 119:130, and Proverbs 1:1-4**).
- The simple are easy targets (**Proverbs 9:13-18**).

4. What brings riches, honor, and life?

*“By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life” (Proverbs 22:4).*

- **Psalms 34:9-10, Psalms 112:1-3, Proverbs 14:27, Proverbs 15:33, Proverbs 19:23, Proverbs 21:21, Matthew 6:24-34, and I Timothy 4:8.**

5. What does the froward have in his way?

*“Thorns and snares are in the way of the forward [perverse]: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them” (Proverbs 22:5).*

- *“Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard” (Proverbs 13:15).*
- **Proverbs 4:19, Jeremiah 2:19, and Romans 6:21.**

6. Can you train up a child so that they will be faithful during their lives on this earth?

YES: *“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it”* (**Proverbs 22:6**).

- **Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 1:8, Proverbs 3:12, Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 23:13-14, Proverbs 29:15, and Proverbs 29:17.**

7. Financially speaking, are the poor often under the thumb of others?

Yes: *“The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender”* (**Proverbs 22:7**).

- **II Kings 4:1-7, Nehemiah 5:4-5, Matthew 18:23-35, and James 5:1-6.**
- We'll discuss this later, but the poor are targets for financial abuse (**Proverbs 22:22**).

8. Do we reap what we sow?

Yes: *“He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail”* (**Proverbs 22:8**).

- **Job 4:8, Proverbs 1:31, Proverbs 12:14, Proverbs 14:14, Proverbs 22:8, Proverbs 24:12, Isaiah 3:10-11, Jeremiah 2:19, Jeremiah 4:16-18, Ezekiel 22:31, Hosea 7:2, Hosea 8:7, John 5:28-29, and Galatians 6:7-8.**

9. How does the principle of reaping what you sow come into play for those who assist those who are truly poor?

Be blessed: *“He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor”* (**Proverbs 22:9**).

- **Psalms 112:9, Matthew 25:31-46, Acts 20:35, Romans 15:25-27, I Timothy 6:18-19, and Hebrews 6:10.**