

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 183 – Boldness Of The Righteous Through Abominable Prayers (Proverbs 28:1-9)

1. Are wicked people bolder than righteous people?

No: *“The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion”* (Proverbs 28:1).

- Fleeing when no one is really pursuing (Leviticus 26:14-17, Psalms 53:1-5, and Isaiah 7:1-2).
- Boldness of the righteous (Psalms 27:1, Psalms 112:5-7, Daniel 3:1-18, Acts 4:1-13, and Ephesians 6:20).

2. Can understanding and knowledge help a nation?

Yes: *“For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged”* (Proverbs 28:2).

- The whole sum of this point is here: Ecclesiastes 9:13-18.
- On the contrary point, one sinner does destroy much good (Joshua 7:1-26; cf. Joshua 22:20).

3. Are there poor people who will actually oppress other poor people?

Yes: *“A poor man that oppreseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food”* (Proverbs 28:3).

- Matthew 18:23-35 and James 2:1-12.

4. What type of person contends with the wicked?

Those that keep the law: *“They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them”* (Proverbs 28:4).

- Those who forsake the law praise the wicked (Isaiah 30:9-11, Jeremiah 5:25-31, and II Timothy 4:3-4).
- Those who keep the law contend with the wicked (I Kings 18:17-21, Nehemiah 13:8-11, Acts 17:16-17, Philippians 1:17, Ephesians 5:11, and Jude 3-4).
- Additionally, whom a person listens to tells you much about that person (John 3:19-21 and I John 4:1-6).

5. Do evil individuals have the same level of understanding as those who seek the Lord?

No: *“Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things”* (Proverbs 28:5).

- Some don't get it (Psalms 92:6, Proverbs 24:7, Jeremiah 4:22, and I Corinthians 2:14).
- We should get it (Proverbs 4:7 and Ephesians 5:17).

6. Is it better to be poor and upright or to be rich and perverse?

Poor and upright: *“Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich” (Proverbs 28:6).*

- **Proverbs 16:8, Proverbs 19:1, Proverbs 28:18, Luke 6:20, and Luke 16:19-31.**

7. What kind of child is wise?

Obedient ones: *“Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father” (Proverbs 28:7).*

- **II Timothy 3:15.**
- But, the companion of fools brings shame (**Proverbs 1:11-19, Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 23:19-22, and I Corinthians 15:33**).

8. Do crooks end up keeping their profits?

Nope, eventually someone will get those funds and use them to help others: *“He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor” (Proverbs 28:8).*

- That person who takes advantage of the financial situations of others shall not be unpunished (**Ezekiel 18:12-13**).
- One day, a person who pities the poor will have those funds and then good will come of it (**Proverbs 19:17**).

9. What type of person does God consider the prayers of to be an abomination?

Those who refuse the truth: *“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination” (Proverbs 28:9).*

- **Psalms 66:18, Proverbs 15:8, Proverbs 15:29, Isaiah 59:1-3, John 9:31, and I Peter 3:12.**