

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 185 – Faithful Are Blessed Through Hiding From The Wicked (Proverbs 28:20-28)

1. Is it a good thing to be in a hurry to obtain earthly wealth?
NO: *“A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent”* (**Proverbs 28:20**).
 - More on this in verse 22...
 - **Proverbs 13:11, Proverbs 20:21, Proverbs 23:4, and Luke 3:12-14.**

2. Should you depend upon a person who has respect of persons?
No, he'll transgress for a piece of bread: *“To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress”* (**Proverbs 28:21**).
 - **Leviticus 19:15.**
 - Respect of persons is not good any time (**Proverbs 24:23** and **James 2:1-12**).
 - As for transgressing for gain: **Exodus 23:2, I Samuel 8:1-3, Amos 5:12, and Matthew 28:11-15.**

3. Will the person who rushes to wealth keep his or her gains?
No, poverty comes on them: *“He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him”* (**Proverbs 28:22**).
 - **I Timothy 6:6-10.**
 - Wanting things of the world never results in good (**Matthew 19:16-22, Mark 4:19, Ephesians 4:22, and I John 2:15-17**).

4. Is it better to rebuke the erring or flatter him with the tongue?
Rebuke: *“He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue”* (**Proverbs 28:23**).
 - **Proverbs 27:5-6, Galatians 2:11-17, I Timothy 5:20, Titus 1:10-13, and Revelation 3:19.**

5. Are there people who will wrong their parents and see no wrong in doing so?
Yes: *“Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer”* (**Proverbs 28:24**).
 - **Proverbs 19:26 and Matthew 15:4-6.**
 - When there are godly parents you're supposed to honor them (**Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16, and Ephesians 6:1-2**).

6. Does pride have an effect on strife?

Yes: *“He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat” (Proverbs 28:25).*

- **Proverbs 13:10, Proverbs 21:24, and Luke 22:24-30.**

7. Is it wise to trust in your own heart?

No: *“He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered” (Proverbs 28:26).*

- **Proverbs 3:5-7, Jeremiah 17:9-10, and Mark 7:21-23.**

8. Is it beneficial to help the poor?

Yes: *“He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse” (Proverbs 28:27).*

- Under the Old Law, the blessings were carnal (**Deuteronomy 15:10, Psalms 41:1-3, and Proverbs 22:9**).
- The blessings for us now when we help the poor are not physical, but spiritual and eternal (**Matthew 25:31-46**).

9. Are righteous individuals comfortable when the wicked are in power?

No: *“When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase” (Proverbs 28:28).*

- The wicked in power is not good for righteous people (**Proverbs 28:12, Proverbs 29:2, and Acts 8:1-4**).