

Proverbs: God's Book of Wisdom - Proverbs 27-28 Part 3

PROVERB: A short sentence often repeated, expressing a well known truth or common fact, ascertained by experience or observation; a maxim of wisdom.

PRINCIPLE: A general truth;

Pro 27:20 Hell & Destruction are never satisfied; So the eyes of man are never satisfied.

1. v20a: Hell and _____ are never satisfied;

A) destruction B) heaven C) Russia D) prison

2. **What does it mean:** *The eyes of man are never satisfied?*

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world...For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

3. **Why is a man's eyes never satisfied?**

4. **What is the only thing that truly satisfies?**

Proverbs 27:21 The refining pot is for silver & the furnace for gold, & a man is valued by what others say of him.

5. v21a: The refining pot is for _____;

A) silver B) bubbles C) humans D) cars

6. v21b: The furnace is for _____;

A) wood B) gold C) marshmallows D) gasoline

7. v21c: A _____ is valued by what others say of him.

A) man B) dog C) house D) crickets

8. **What does it mean:** *that a man is valued by what others say of him?*

9. **Who are we valued by?**

1Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

10. **What was that price?**

Isaiah 53:5 He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

Proverbs 27:22 Though you crush a fool in a mortar and pestle as someone might crush grain, his stupidity still won't leave him.

PESTLE: A heavy, club-shaped hand tool used with a mortar (a bowl) to crush, mash, and grind solid ingredients into powders or pastes.

11. Though you crush a fool in a mortar & pestle as someone might crush grain, his _____ still won't leave him.

STUPID:

1. Lacking Intelligence or Lacking common sense or Lacking good judgment.
2. Making careless choices or Making unwise choices or Making senseless choices.

STUPIDITY: State of being stupid. A person who cannot or will not use their mind properly

1. **No/Poor judgment:** Making bad choices when clear options exist.
2. **No learning:** Repeating the same mistakes without learning a lesson.
3. **No critical thought:** Accepting bad ideas without checking facts.
4. **Why does crushing a fool not help him pursue wisdom?**
5. **Why do we dislike the word stupid if it accurately describes what is true?**
6. **Unwillingness to accept the truth leads to where?**

James 1:21-22 Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

7. **If someone is willing to listen and do the truth, will they be stupid?**
8. **If someone is "crushed" (rebuked) but refuses to listen, what's the deal?**

Proverbs 15:5: A fool despises his father's instruction,...

Proverbs 15:32: Whoever ignores instruction despises himself...

Proverbs 12:1: He who hates correction is stupid...

9. **What is the difference between being ignorant and being stupid?**

IGNORANT: Lacking knowledge, or education, or awareness about a specific subject.

10. **Does someone have to remain ignorant? What can they do instead?**

11. Choosing to remain ignorant when they have the facts, means they are being?

Pro 27:23-24 Keep well informed of the condition of your flocks & pay attention to your herds, because riches don't endure forever, & crowns don't last from one generation to the next.

1. Keep well _____. 2. Pay _____.

12. Why keep well informed and pay attention to your finances/assets? Do we?**13. What can happen to our jobs, bank accounts, assets if we don't pay attention and well informed? What about other areas; God, relationships, government?****14. Why don't riches endure forever or crowns last from one generation to the next?**

Pro 27:25-26 When the grass disappears, and new growth appears, the mountain spices will be harvested, the lambs will supply your clothing, and your goats the price of a field.

15. Why are the lambs able to supply their clothing & goats the price of a field?

Pro 27:23-27 Keep well informed of the condition of your flocks & pay attention to your herds, because riches don't endure forever, & crowns don't last from one generation to the next. When the grass disappears, and new growth appears, the mountain spices will be harvested, the lambs will supply your clothing, and your goats the price of a field. You will have enough goat's milk to drink and to supply your household needs, as well as sustenance for your servant girls.

16. What is God teaching us about paying attention and staying well informed?**17. Who are we supposed to rely on for our supplies and finances? God uses what?**

Pro 28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

18. v1a: The wicked flee when no one _____,

A) pursues B) cares C) leaves

19. v1b: But the righteous are bold as a _____.

A) puppy B) lion C) bunny

20. Why would the wicked flee when no one is pursuing them?**21. Why are the righteous bold as a lion?**

22. What does it mean to be a coward?

COWARD: Destitute of courage; timid; base;

23. What does it mean to be brave?

BRAVE: Courageous; bold; daring; intrepid; fearless of danger;

24. Are Christians supposed to be cowardly or brave?

Joshua 1:6-8 Be strong and of good courage,...be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law...do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ...the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day & night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, & then you will have good success.

1Cor 16:13-14 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.

Proverbs 28:2 When a land transgresses, it gains a succession of leaders, but with an understanding and knowledgeable man, its stability endures.

25. When the land is sinful, how is the stability of the leadership? Why?**26. When there is a wise ruler, the land is what? Why?**

Pro 28:3 A poor man who oppresses the weak is like a rainstorm that destroys all the crops.

27. A poor man who oppresses the weak is like a rainstorm that destroys all what?**28. What is the principle from this verse: "A poor man who oppresses the weak is like a rainstorm that destroys all the crops."**

Pro 28:4 Those who forsake the Law praise the wicked, but whoever keeps it fights them.

29. v4a: Those who forsake the Law praise the _____,

A) wicked B) righteous C) wise

30. v4b: but whoever keeps the Law _____ them.

A) fights B) loves C) likes

31. Why would those who keep the Law fight the wicked?**32. How do we fight the wicked?**

Ephesians 6:11-13 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

2Cor 10:3-6 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Pro 28:5 Evil men don't understand justice, but whoever seeks the Lord understands it all.

33. v5a: _____ men don't understand justice,

A) evil B) righteous C) just

34. v4b: but whoever _____ the Lord understands it all.

A) seeks B) hates C) denies

35. Why don't evil men understand justice? Pursuing?

36. Why do righteous men understand it all? Pursing?

Pro 28:6 It's better to be poor and live a blameless life than to be rich but crooked in one's lifestyle.

37. v6a: It's better to be _____ and live a blameless life.

A) poor B) rich C) happy

38. v6b: It's better to be poor and live a blameless life than to be _____ but crooked in one's lifestyle.

A) poor B) rich C) president

39. Regardless of your status (rich or poor) how should you live? Not live?

40. Where does the love of riches lead us?

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.