

Proverbs: God's Book of Wisdom - Proverbs 28 Part 1

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 28:7 Whoever keeps the Law is a discerning son, but whoever keeps company with gluttons brings shame to his father.

1. v7a: **Whoever keeps the Law is a _____ son;**

A) loving B) discerning C) depressing D) hateful

2. **What does it mean to be discerning? Why is being discerning a good thing?**

DISCERNING: Having or showing good judgment, insightful understanding, and the ability to notice fine details or differences.

3. **Based on the verse (7) what is the evidence that a son is discerning?**

4. **What does it mean to “keep” the law? Not “keep” the law?**

Mat 15:1-9 Then some Pharisees and scribes came... to Jesus and asked, “Why do Your disciples disregard the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands when they eat.” But He answered them, “Why do you also disregard the commandment of God because of your tradition? Because God said, ‘You are to honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever curses father or mother must certainly be put to death.’ But you say, ‘Whoever tells his father or his mother, “Whatever support you might have received from me has been given to God,” does not have to honor his father.’ Because of your tradition, then, you have disregarded the authority of God’s word. You hypocrites! How well did Isaiah prophesy of you when he said, ‘These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. Their worship of Me is empty, because they teach human rules as doctrines.’”

1Jn 2:4-6 He who says, “I know Him,” & does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

5. **What is at the heart of keeping God’s word/commands?**

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6. v7b: Whoever keeps company with _____ brings shame to his father;
A) donkeys B) gluttons C) pastors D) Doggies
7. What does it mean to be a glutton?

GLUTTON: Having an unhealthy and out-of-control excess in eating or drinking.

8. What does it mean to bring shame to someone else?

SHAME: To cause a person, or their family & group, to experience public disgrace, dishonor, or a deep, painful sense of embarrassment due to a wrongful or unacceptable action.

9. Why does keeping company with gluttons bring shame to someone's parents?
10. What other kinds of behavior can bring shame to someone's parents? Why?

Romans 1:26-31

- I. ...women exchanged the natural use [sex] for what is against nature.
 - II. ...also the men, leaving the natural use [sex] of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful
 - III. They did not like to retain God in their knowledge,...
 - IV. ...Do those things which are not fitting;
 - V. Being filled with all unrighteousness,
 - VI. sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness,
 - VII. maliciousness; full of envy, murder,
 - VIII. strife, deceit, evil-mindedness;
 - IX. They are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God,
 - X. violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things,
 - XI. disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy,
 - XII. unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;
11. Are some parents proud their children do some of the things above? Why?

Exorbitant: A price, amount, or demand that is much too high and goes far beyond what is fair, reasonable, or usual.

Proverbs 28:8 Whoever gains wealth by charging exorbitant interest collects it for Someone who is kind to the poor.

12. v8a: Whoever gains wealth by charging exorbitant interest collects it for Someone who is kind to the _____.

A) wicked B) rich C) poor D) glutton

13. What is the principle: *Whoever gains wealth by charging exorbitant interest collects it for Someone who is kind to the poor?*

Proverbs 28:9 If someone turns away his ear from listening to the Law even his prayer is an abomination.

14. v9a: If someone turns away his ear from listening to the Law even his _____ is an abomination.

A) iPhone B) prayer C) house D) family

15. What does it mean to stop listening to the Law? Who are they not listening to?

16. What good are prayers to God if a person refuses listen to Him?

17. How does God see that person's prayer? Is God offended by their prayer? Sin?

18. Did you know prayers to God could be an abomination to God? Not done in?

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Proverbs 28:10 Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, He himself will fall into his own pit; But the blameless will inherit good.

19. v10a: Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an _____ way, He himself will fall into his own pit.

A) evil B) good C) godly D) righteousness

20. What is God trying to tell us: "*Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, He himself will fall into his own pit;*"? But the blameless will inherit good.

Proverbs 28:10 Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, He himself will fall into his own pit; But the blameless will inherit good.

21. v10b: But the _____ will inherit good.

A) wicked B) blameless C) hateful

22. What ultimately happens to the upright person? Why?

Pro 28:11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes, But the poor who has understanding searches him out.

23. v11a: The _____ man is wise in his own eyes.

A) rich B) righteous C) upright

24. There is more hope for whom than a person that is wise in their own eyes?

Pro 26:12 ..See a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Pro 28:11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes, But the poor who has understanding searches him out.

25. The poor who has understanding does what in relation to the rich man?

26. Why doesn't the poor rely on the rich man's wisdom?

27. Should you rely on the wisdom of those wise in their own eyes? What to do?

Pro 28:12 When the righteous are victorious, there is great glory, but when the wicked arise, men hide themselves.

28. v12a: When the righteous are victorious, there is great _____,

A) evil B) misery C) glory

29. v12b: but when the wicked arise, men _____ themselves.

A) fight B) hide C) bathe

30. Why would men hide themselves when the wicked arises? Examples today?

31. Is it better to have the wicked or the righteous in the seat of authority? Why?

32. Do you direct your children / siblings / friends to find a wicked spouse? Why?

Pro 28:13 He who covers his sins will not succeed, But whoever confesses & forsakes them will have mercy.

33. v13a: He who _____ his sins will not succeed,

A) covers B) exposes C) declares

34. v4b: But whoever _____ & forsakes them will have mercy.

A) conceals B) denies C) confesses

35. What is a confession?

CONFESSION: An admission of guilt, wrongdoing, or sin, made either privately to a religious leader, publicly, or formally in a legal setting

36. Is confessing sin enough? Do some rely on confession to get in good graces?**37. What is the combination that leads to God's mercy?**

Isaiah 55:6-8 Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, & the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, & He will have mercy on him; & to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

Pro 28:14 Happy is the man who always fears the Lord, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into disaster.

38. v14a: Happy is the man who always fears the _____.

A) military B) Devil C) Lord

Acts 16:23-25 And when they [Paul and Silas] had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison & fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

39. v6b: Happy is the man who always fears the Lord, but whoever _____ his heart will fall into disaster.

A) searches B) opens C) hardens

40. What happens to the person that hardens his heart?**41. What does it mean to harden one's own heart?**

HARDENED HEART: Willful, and/or gradual process of spiritual stubbornness and pride where a person rejects God's voice, resists repentance, & becomes numb to moral truth.

42. What is God's Command about Hardening Your Heart?

Hebrews 3:14-16 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." ...And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey.