

Proverbs: God's Book of Wisdom - Proverbs 28 Part 2

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 28:15 Like a roaring lion and a charging bear Is a wicked ruler over poor people.

1. **v15a: Like a roaring lion and a charging bear Is a _____ ruler over poor people.**
A) just B) wicked C) happy D) righteous
2. **What does this mean:** *“Like a roaring lion and a charging bear Is a wicked ruler over poor people”?*
3. **Are wicked rulers good for the poor? Believe true? Why do we keep electing them?**

Pro 28:16 A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor, But he who hates covetousness will prolong his days.

4. **v16a: A ruler who lacks _____ is a great oppressor.**
A) money B) understanding C) friends D) education
5. **What does the word oppressor mean? Great oppressor?**

OPPRESSOR: One that oppresses; one that imposes unjust burdens on others; one that harasses others with unjust laws or unreasonable severity.

6. **What does it mean to “lack understanding”?**

LACK OF UNDERSTANDING: An absolute absence of comprehension, knowledge, or awareness about a specific subject, idea, or situation.

7. **Why is a ruler who lacks understanding a great oppressor?**
8. **Does a ruler have to have a lack understanding? Does he have resources?**

Pro 28:16b He who hates covetousness will prolong his days.

9. **v16b: He who hates _____ will prolong his days.**
A) love B) cabbage C) covetousness D) candy
10. **What does covetousness mean?**

COVETOUSNESS: A strong or inordinate desire of obtaining & possessing some supposed good; usually in a bad sense.

11. What is the promise if someone hates covetousness?

Pro 28:17 A guilty man tormented by bloodshed will be a lifelong fugitive. Let no one support him.

12. v17a: A _____ man tormented by bloodshed will be a lifelong fugitive;

A) guilty B) righteous C) funny D) sad

13. Why is this man a lifelong fugitive?

14. How should we treat this man?

Proverbs 28:18 Whoever walks blamelessly will be saved, but whoever is perverted will fall without warning.

15. v18a: Whoever walks blamelessly will be _____.

A) rich B) angry C) saved D) killed

16. What does it mean to blameless?

BLAMELESS: Without fault; innocent; guiltless...

17. Is there anyone in the Bible that was considered blameless?

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

Luke 1:5-6 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

18. Are you blameless? How?

2 Cor 5:20-21 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Galatians 3:5-9 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?— just as Abraham

“believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” **So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.**

Proverbs 28:18 Whoever is perverted will fall without warning.

19. v18b: Whoever is _____ will fall without warning

A) holy B) righteousness C) perverted D) happy

20. What does it mean to be perverted?

PERVERTED: Describes someone that has strayed or been turned away from what is natural, right, or morally good.

21. Who are the perverted today?

22. If someone stays in their perversion [disobedience] what is the result?

John 8:23-24 And He said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for **if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.**”

Proverbs 28:19 Whoever works his farmland will have abundant food,

23. v19a: Whoever works his farmland will have abundant _____.

A) water B) ants C) weeds D) food

24. What’s God trying to tell us: “Whoever works his farmland will have abundant food”?

Proverbs 28:19 ...but whoever chases fantasies will become very poor.

25. v19b: But whoever chases _____ will become very poor.

A) women B) money C) fantasies

26. What is a fantasy?

FANTASY: The process of **creating especially unrealistic or improbable mental** images in response to psychological need.

27. What does it mean to chase/pursue fantasies?

CHASING FANTASIES: To spend your time, energy, or money pursuing unrealistic dreams, impossible goals, or quick shortcuts instead of doing steady, honest work.

28. What is the reason we should not chase fantasies?

Pro 28:20a The faithful man will prosper with blessings,

29. What kind of man will prosper with blessings?

30. What kind of man will not prosper with blessings?

Pro 28:20b Whoever is in a hurry to get rich will not escape punishment.

31. What kind of person will not escape punishment?

32. What kind of person will escape punishment?

33. What does it mean to be in a hurry to get rich? Things people will do?

Pro 28:21 To show partiality is not good, Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

34. To show partiality is not _____?

35. What does partiality mean?

PARTIALITY: An undue bias of mind towards one party, which is apt to warp the judgment.

36. For a piece of bread a man will _____?

37. What does it mean to transgress?

TRANSGRESS: To break or violate a law, civil or moral.

38. What is the correlation between showing partiality and transgressing for bread?

Pro 28:22 The miser* is in a hurry to get wealthy, but he isn't aware that poverty will catch up with him.

39. v22a: The _____ is in a hurry to get wealthy,

A) righteous B) miser C) blacksmith

40. What is a miser?

***MISER:** An extremely covetous person; a sordid wretch; one who in wealth makes himself miserable by the fear of poverty.

Pro 28:22 The miser* is in a hurry to get wealthy, but he isn't aware that poverty will catch up with him.

41. v22b: But the miser isn't aware that _____ will catch up with him.

A) poverty B) wealth C) happiness

42. Why does poverty catch up with a miser? Who is a famous miser we know?

SCROOGE TRAITS:

Miserly & Greedy: He hoards his money, spends as little as possible, and underpays his employee.

Cold & Isolated: "solitary as an oyster," keeping people away with a hard & sharp exterior.

Hater of Christmas: Dismisses it as a foolish waste of time & money, "Bah! Humbug!"

Lacking Empathy: He believes the poor should go to workhouses or prisons,...

43. Fear of poverty causes the miser to be?

44. How should we approach money and fear?

1 Peter 5:6-7 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

45. How should we approach money and greed?

Proverbs 21:25-26 The desire of the lazy man kills him, For his hands refuse to labor. He covets greedily all day long, But the righteous gives and does not spare.

46. How should we approach money and love?

Ephesians 4:28: Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

1 John 3:16-17 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.