

Proverbs: God's Book of Wisdom - Proverbs 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 28:23 Whoever rebukes a man will later on find more favor than someone who flatters with his words.

1. **What does this mean:** *"Whoever rebukes a man will later on find more favor than someone who flatters with his words."*?
2. **Why would the person later on find more favor?**
3. **Why would someone who flatters find less favor?**

Pro 28:24 Whoever robs his father or his mother, And says, "It is no sin," The same is companion to a destroyer.

4. **Whoever robs his father or his mother, And says, "It is no sin," The same is companion to a _____.**
5. **What does it mean to destroy something or someone?**

DESTROY: To ruin; to bring to nothing; to annihilate.

6. **Why do some people want to destroy others? Relatives / Friends?**
7. **Why would a child say stealing from their parents is not a sin?**
8. **Who else goes around wanting to destroy things?**

John 10:10-11 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Pro 28:25 He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife,...

9. **v25a: He who is of a proud heart stirs up _____.**

A) strife B) love C) friendship D) chili

10. **What does it mean to have a proud heart?**

PROUD HEART: An attitude of arrogance, self-exaltation, and a deep belief in one's own superiority over others.

11. What are some possible signs a person has a proud heart?

- a. **Unteachable:** Believing they already know everything & hates correction or learning.
- b. **Defensive:** Treating any mild criticism or disagreement as a major personal attack.
- c. **Seeks Praise:** Works hard to get attention, applause, and a glowing reputation.
- d. **Critical:** Constantly finding faults in other people while ignoring their own flaws.

12. Why does having a proud heart lead someone to stir up strife?

13. What is the antidote for a proud heart?

Daniel 4:24-31 ...this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, **till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.**

“And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump and roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be assured to you, **after you come to know that Heaven rules.** Therefore, O king, **let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor.** Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity.”

...At the end of the twelve months the king was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. The king spoke, saying, “**Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power** and for the honor of my majesty?” While the word was still in the king’s mouth, a voice fell from heaven: “King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!”

Genesis 4:6-7 So the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? **If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?**”

James 4:6-10 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” Therefore **submit to God. Resist the devil** and he will flee from you. **Draw near to God** and He will draw near to you. **Cleanse your hands**, you sinners; and **purify your hearts**, you double-minded... **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord**, and He will lift you up.

14. Why do some people refuse to submit to God?

Ps 14:1, Heb 12:16 The **fool** has said in his heart, “**There is no God.**” ...**See that no one is ...godless like Esau**, who for **a single meal sold his birth right** as the oldest son.

Pro 28:25b ...he who trusts in the Lord will prosper.

15. v25b: He who trusts in the _____ will prosper.

A) lottery B) lawyer C) loot D) Lord

16. What does it mean to prosper?

PROSPER: To favor; to render successful.

SUCCESSFUL: Results are what is wished or intended; having the desired effect.

17. Name some successful people you know or know about (past or present)?

18. Does God define prosperity & success based on the worlds criteria? Evidence?

Pro 28:25b ...he who trusts in the Lord will prosper.

Pro 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper,

19. Do we define prosperity & success based on the worlds criteria?

20. If we define prosperity & success based on the worlds criteria, what is the trap?

Genesis 3:6 when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

21. Through Whose eyes are we to view success and prosperity? Why?

Isa 55:7-8 Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts;... “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

22. If we want to prosper, what comes first? Evidence we trust God?

Psa 1:1-4 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

Pro 28:26a He who trusts in his own heart is a fool,...

23. v26a: He who trusts in his own _____ is a fool...

A) home B) homies C) heart D) herbs

24. Why is a person who trusts in their own heart a fool?

25. What does it mean to trust in your own heart?

TRUST OWN HEART: Relying entirely on your own feelings, instincts, and personal reasoning to guide your life choices instead of looking for True wisdom.

26. Signs someone is trusting in their own heart?

Judges 17:6 In those days...everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,...

27. Are we doing our way or God's way? Evidence?

28. Are we following Jesus' way or trying to have Jesus follow our way? Evidence?

Pro 28:26b ...whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

29. v26b: ...whoever walks _____ will be delivered.

A) foolishly B) weakly C) weirdly D) wisely

30. Do you want to be delivered? How must you walk? Walk like?

1 John 2:5-7 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 [Jesus] walked.

31. Is Jesus wise? Was Jesus delivered? How?

John 10:17-18 ...My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

Ps 110:1-2 The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

32. Did Jesus' enemies defeat Him?

Php 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,...

Heb 12:1-3 ...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, & has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

33. Are you wise? Are you delivered [promise]? How? Defeated by enemies?

1Cor 15:42-54 ...The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. ...And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man...For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

Proverbs 28:27a Whoever gives to the poor will never lack,

34. v27a: Whoever gives to the _____ will never lack.

A) poor B) prophet C) president D) rich

Proverbs 28:27b ...whoever shuts his eyes to their poverty will be cursed.

35. v27b: Whoever shuts his eyes to their poverty will be _____.

A) prosperous B) blessed C) cursed D) rewarded

36. What is the promise if we give to the poor? How must wisdom be applied?

37. What is the promise if we ignore the needs of the poor?

38. What is the difference between needs and wants?

NEEDS: Essential things required for physical survival & to accomplish God's work.

WANTS: Personal desires, preferences, or luxuries that provide comfort or enjoyment.

39. God will meet our needs or our wants? Does God ignore our wants (but)?

Proverbs 28:28 When the wicked arise, men hide themselves; But when they perish, the righteous increase.

40. Why do men hide when the wicked arise? When do the righteous increase?