

Proverbs: God's Book of Wisdom - Proverbs 29 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 29:1 He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

1. What does it mean to be often rebuked?
2. What does it mean to harden our necks? Good?
3. Why would a person need to be rebuked often? Christian?
4. Who is the person in verse 1 that gets destroyed?

REMEDY:

- 1. To cure; to heal; as, to remedy a disease.
 - 2. To cure; to remove, as an evil.
 - 3. To repair; to remove mischief; in a very general sense.
5. What does without remedy mean (general)?
 6. What does this mean: "...Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."?

Pro 29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

7. v2a: When the righteous are in authority, the people _____.
A) rejoice B) lament C) cry D) sigh
8. v2b: When a wicked man rules, the people _____.
A) groan B) rejoice C) smile D) laugh
9. Why do people rejoice when the righteous are in authority? What people?
10. What kind of people do not rejoice when the righteous are in authority?
11. Why do people groan when the wicked rule? What people?
12. What kind of people do not groan when the wicked are in authority? Eventually?

13. What does it mean to rejoice?

REJOICE: To make joyful; to gladden; to animate with lively pleasurable sensations;

14. What does it mean to groan?

GROAN: A deep mournful sound, uttered in pain, sorrow or anguish.

Proverbs 29:3 A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, But he who involves himself with prostitutes wastes his wealth.

15. v3a: A man who loves wisdom makes his father _____.

A) sick B) mad C) sad D) glad

16. What kind of man makes his father glad? Likes wisdom?

17. Why does a man that loves wisdom make his father glad?

Proverbs 29:3 ...he who involves himself with prostitutes wastes his wealth.

18. v3b: He who involves himself with _____ wastes his wealth

A) prostitutes B) AI C) Christians D) accountants

19. Why does a person involved with prostitutes waste their wealth?

20. What is the “new” prostitution that wastes people’s wealth?

21. What does waste mean?

WASTE: To be diminished or lost by slow dissipation, consumption or evaporation.

22. What other activities wastes people’s wealth today?

Proverbs 29:4 The king gives stability to the land by justice, But a person who takes bribes ruins it.

23. v4a: The king gives stability to the land by _____.

A) inflation B) bribes C) justice D) lies

24. How does the land (nation) have stability? Instability? Elect wicked people?

Proverbs 29:4 ...a person who takes bribes ruins the land (it).

25. v4b: ...a person who takes _____ ruins the land

A) rainbows B) lollipops C) cucumbers D) bribes

26. Why do those in authority who take bribes ruin the land?

27. What would a ruined nation look like today? Example nations?

Proverbs 29:5 A man who flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his feet.

28. v5b: A man who flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his _____.

A) father B) wife C) feet D) kids

29. What does it mean: *“A man who flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his feet.”*

30. If flattery can lead to being caught in a trap, we should not listen to what?

Pro 29:6 By wrongdoing an evil man is snared, But the righteous sings and rejoices.

31. What causes an evil man to be snared (trapped)?

32. What wrongdoings can lead to an evil person being trapped?

Proverbs 29:6 ... the righteous sings and rejoices.

33. v6b: The righteous _____ and rejoices.

A) cries B) weeps C) laments D) sings

34. What should Christians be doing on a regular basis?

Pro 29:7 The righteous is concerned for the rights of the poor; The wicked does not understand such concern.

35. v7a: The righteous is concerned for the rights of the _____.

A) rich B) famous C) poor D) evil

36. Why are the righteous concerned for the rights of the poor? What rights?

Ps 140:12 I know that the Lord will maintain The cause of the afflicted, & justice for the poor.

37. What don't the wicked understand? Why?

Pro 29:8 Scoffers set a city aflame, But wise men turn away wrath.

38. What is a scoffer?

SCOFFER: One who mocks, ridicules, or shows contempt for someone's beliefs, ideas, or values

39. What do scoffers do to a city? How can a scoffer set a city aflame?

40. What do wise men do for a city? How can wise men turn away wrath?

Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 29:9 If a wise man argues with a foolish man, Whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace.

41. If a wise man argues with a foolish man, what two ways can the fool respond?

42. Regardless of how the foolish man responds, there will be no _____?

43. Why is there no peace when we argue with foolish people?

44. What is the best way to maintain peace with a fool?

Pro 29:10 The bloodthirsty hate the blameless, But the upright are concerned for his life.

45. v10a: The _____ hate the blameless,...

A) righteous B) bloodthirsty C) upright D) godly

46. What does it mean to be bloodthirsty?

BLOODTHIRSTY: Eager to hurt, kill, or take part in violence and bloodshed.

47. Why do the bloodthirsty hate the blameless?

1Jn 3:12 Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one & murdered his brother. & why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil & his brother's were righteous.

48. Don't blameless people have to exist for the bloodthirsty to hate them? Job?

Pro 29:10 The bloodthirsty hate the blameless, But the upright are concerned for his life.

49. While the bloodthirsty hate the blameless, what is the upright concerned about?

50. The hate of the bloodthirsty usually leads to figurative and/or actual what?

Proverbs 29:11 A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back.

51. v11a: A fool vents all his _____,...

A) feelings B) coolers C) actions D) family

52. What does it mean to vent? All your feelings?

VENT: To express strong, pent-up feelings—especially anger, frustration, or stress—forcefully to relieve emotional pressure.

53. Does venting (to people) sound like a good idea in general? Why?

54. Why does the fool believe they should vent all their feelings?

Proverbs 29:11b ...A wise man holds his feelings back.

55. v11b: A wise man holds his _____ back.

A) feelings B) spouse C) mouth D) dog

56. What does it mean to hold back your feelings? Why does the wise man do it?

57. Proverbs 29:12 If a ruler pays attention to lies, All his ministers become wicked.

58. v12a: If a ruler pays attention to _____ all his ministers become wicked.

A) words B) lies C) love D) lust

59. Why do the ministers of the ruler become wicked if he pays attentions to lies?

60. What is a people pleaser & what is usually necessary to maintain being one?

PEOPLE PLEASER: One who feels a strong emotional need to make others happy, often by putting other people's needs & wants above their own. Usually intertwined with dishonesty.

- **Lie with "Yes":** Routinely say "yes" when they mean "no," pretending to be happy with arrangements, workloads, or social commitments that secretly drain or upset them.
- **Hide Authentic Self:** Withhold their true opinions, boundaries, & negative emotions, they present a curated, false version of who they are to secure safety and belonging.
- **Tell White Lies:** Frequently fib or omit the complete truth to "spare" others from discomfort, disappointment, or awkwardness, prioritizing short-term peace over honest communication.
- **The Cost to Truth:** People pleasing makes genuine mutual trust difficult because others end up interacting with an illusion rather than a real person.