

The Blessings and Courage of Wisdom

Proverbs 28 pt 7

"The one who gives to the poor will not be in need, but one who turns his eyes away will receive many curses." -Proverbs 28:27

Why is it important for God's people to continue giving to the poor?

*It helps strengthen c_____ *It builds e_____ & reduces social divides

*It creates a sense of purpose & c_____ *Provides immediate relief

*It restores d_____

"The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver." -2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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25 A greedy person stirs up conflict, but whoever trusts in the LORD will prosper.

Notice the contrast:

✓ P____ vs. H____; S____ vs. P_____

Greed: broad, large, proud, wide, arrogant, or roomy.

How does a greedy person stir up conflict?

*They l_____ for more and more *They are d_____

*They are m_____

➤ James 4:1-3; Proverbs 16:18

Trust: be bold; put confidence, rely, secure, or sure.

What is the difference between someone who prideful and someone who is humble?

*The greedy trust in t_____ and the humble trust in the L_____.

➤ Matthew 23:12; Philippians 2:3

Notice the blessing of trusting in the Lord:

You will p_____!

Prosper: accept, anoint, make fat

26 The one who trusts in himself is a fool, but one who walks in wisdom will be safe.

Notice the contrast:

✓ The ways of the F_____ vs. The ways of the W_____

Fool: stupid, silly, one who denies God, living as if God does not matter, contempt for wisdom and discipline, uncontrolled speech, volatile temperament, continues in sin.

How does King Solomon say a fool behaves in this verse?

✓ T_____ in h_____.

➤ Isaiah 5:21; Jeremiah 17:9

What are some ways we behave foolishly and trust in ourselves?

*Trying to control every o_____

*Making decisions without p_____

*Relying only on p_____ strength

*Carrying burdens a_____

*Feeling like God is too s_____

➤ Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 17:5

Instead of thinking and behaving foolishly, how can we walk in wisdom?

*A_____ God to give it to us

*Be d_____ of God's Word

*T_____ in the Lord with a_____ of our heart

➤ Proverbs 3:5-6; Matthew 7:24-27; James 1:5-8

As we walk in wisdom God promises us safety. What are some things you need to kept safe from?

➤ Psalm 91:1-8

27 The one who gives to the poor will not be in need, but one who turns his eyes away will receive many curses.

Notice the contrast:

G_____ to the poor vs. I_____ the poor; B_____ vs. C_____

Give: add, bestow, or grant.

How does God give and what are some examples?

*Creation (Gen. 1:17;27) *Covenants (Gen 9:13; Jer. 31-34) *Victory (1 Cor. 15:57)

*L_____ (Gen 2:7)

*S_____ (Isaiah 9:6; John 3:16)

*Graciously (James 1:5)

➤ James 1:17-18

King Solomon's point here is generosity reflects a godly spirit. As God's children by faith in Jesus Christ, we too are to be givers to those in need among us.

What are some ways we can give to the poor today?

*Food d_____ *Clothing & essentials *Paying for s_____

➤ Matthew 25:35-40

Why shouldn't we ignore them?

*It makes us h_____ *We invite c_____ on ourselves

*We disobey God.

➤ Leviticus 19:9-10; James 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17-18

28 When the wicked come to power, people hide, but when they are destroyed, the righteous flourish.

Notice the contrast:

W_____ in power vs. W_____ in destruction

King Solomon's main idea of this text is the less a culture follows righteousness, the fewer good examples are seen. As a result sin accelerates.

People hide: 1 Kings 16:30-33; 18:4

However when those wicked oppressors die, the r_____ no longer hide, instead they increase, thrive, and become great.

How does this apply to the end times in the book of Revelation?

*Political b_____; Rev. 13:1-4 *Religious b_____; Rev. 13:11-18

Their influence covers a wide area and the beasts force people to serve them under the death penalty. (Rev. 13:5-10) However when Jesus returns, judges them, and takes control of the earth, He will reign for _____ years, and the people will thrive during those peaceful times. Even afterwards, God's people will thrive together in eternity forever.

➤ Revelation 22:5

How could you use this illustration to encourage someone who is discouraged about the world today?

What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

"You are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, because these things must take place, but the end is not yet."-Matthew 24:6