

Be Focused

Proverbs 27

Focus On God's Will In All

A. Dealing With Bad (27:1-8)

1. Bad Things To Avoid (27:1-4)

a. Pride (vv 1-2)

b. Wrath and Jealousy (vv 3-4)

2. "Bad" Things To Accept (27:5-6)

a. Correction

Hebrews 12:11

b. Contusion

Proverbs 20:30

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A. Dealing With Bad (27:1-8) - continued

3. Bad Appetites to Conquer (27:7-8)

a. Satisfaction (v 7)

Revelation 3:17

b. Straying (v 8)

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B. Do Your Heart Good (27:9-13)

- 1. With good counsel (27:9)**
- 2. With “close” and “longtime” friends (27:10)**
- 3. With wise choices (27:11-13)**
 - a. To prevent reproach (v 11)**
 - b. To avoid evil (v 12)**
 - c. To prevent loss (v 13)**

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C. Do Others' Hearts Good (27:14-19)

Acts 16:16-18

- 1. Be genuine (27:14)**
- 2. Be gracious (27:15-16)**
- 3. Be gratifying (27:17-19)**
 - a. In relationship (v 17)**
 - b. In service (27:18)**
 - c. In character (27:19)**

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D. Watch Out (27:20-27)

1. In your desires (27:20)

Philippians 4:11, 1 Timothy 6:6

2. In your response to praise (27:21)

3. In your dealings with foolishness (27:22)

4. For God's providence (27:23-27)

a. In what you have (v 23)

b. In what God provides (vv 24-25)

c. In how God provides (vv 26-27)

Matthew 6:31-33

Guilty?

Proverbs 28

We need to constantly examine ourselves spiritually

1 John 3:21

**Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then
have we confidence toward God.**

I. Do Not Have A Guilty Conscience (28:1-7)

A. Personally (28:1)

Proverbs 28:1

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

B. Nationally (28:2)

Proverbs 28:2

For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.

C. Economically (28:3)

Proverbs 28:3

A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

I. Do Not Have A Guilty Conscience (28:1-7)

D. Spiritually (28:4-7)

Proverbs 28:4-7)

4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things.

6 Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.

II. Do No Wrong (28:8-10)

A. Do not ignore God's Law (28:8-9)

Proverbs 28:8-10

8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

II. Do No Wrong (28:8-10)

B. Do not influence others to sin (28:10)

Proverbs 28:10

Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.

Ezekiel 33:7

So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

III. Consider Spiritual Consequences (28:11-20)

A. Where does your wisdom come from? (28:11)

Proverbs 28:11

The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

B. People react to how you act (28:12)

Proverbs 28:12

When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

III. Consider Spiritual Consequences (28:11-20)

C. There are always results (28:13-20)

1. You won't get away with sin (v 13)

Proverbs 28:13

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

2. Respect for God yields inner joy (v 14)

Proverbs 28:14

Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

III. Consider Spiritual Consequences (28:11-20)

C. There are always results (28:13-20) - continued

3. Wickedness only wants more wickedness (vv 15-16)

Proverbs 28:15-16

15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

16 The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

III. Consider Spiritual Consequences (28:11-20)

C. There are always results (28:13-20) - continued

4. You rise or fall based on your choices (vv 17-20)

Proverbs 28:17-20

17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

IV. Do Not Be Enticed (28:21-28)

A. By bribery (28:21)

Proverbs 28:21

To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress.

B. By greed (28:22)

Proverbs 28:22

He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

IV. Do Not Be Enticed (28:21-28)

C. To say what people want to hear versus what they need to hear (28:23)

Proverbs 28:23)

He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

D. To make sin not sin (28:24)

Proverbs 28:24

Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

IV. Do Not Be Enticed (28:21-28)

E. To trust in yourself (28:25-26)

Proverbs 28:25-26

25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

IV. Do Not Be Enticed (28:21-28)

F. To have a blind eye (28:27-28)

1. To the needs of others (v 27)

Proverbs 28:27

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

2. To the rise of the wicked (v 28)

Proverbs 28:28

When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

Guilty?