

Wait for the LORD, and He Will Deliver You

Proverbs 20-21

1. SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- a. Wisdom warns of the danger of being led astray and made poor by the _____ of _____.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler,
and whoever is led astray by it is not wise. (20:1)
Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man;
he who loves wine and oil will not be rich. (21:17)

- b. As a related point, Proverbs has a lot more to say about _____ and _____.

Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty;
open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread. (20:13)
An inheritance gained hastily in the beginning
will not be blessed in the end. (20:21)
The desire of the sluggard kills him,
for his hands refuse to labor. (21:25; also 26)

- c. The LORD will _____ : 21:12 → 20:22 → 21:13

Do not say, "I will repay evil";
wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you. (20:22)

2. BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF: Sometimes sin – even obviously destructive sin – can seem right and be _____ and pleasant for a time.

Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man,
but afterward his mouth will be full of gravel. (20:17; compare 9:17-18, 14:12)

- a. Acknowledge the _____
- b. Be honest, think _____, and humbly receive the warning
- c. Wait for _____ (20:22)

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. (Hebrews 11:24-26)

3. WONDER: A key to wisdom is the humble – and enjoyable – experience of wonder, acknowledging _____ in a way that motivates both worship and _____.

A man's steps are from the LORD;
how then can man understand his way? (20:24; compare 30:1-4, and then 5)