

“Dishonest Scales”

Proverbs 11:1-31 8/27/17

Today, we'd like to see the title of “Dishonest Scales” in the book of Proverbs 11:1-31

To Online Word's people on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions.

Q1. In verse 1, “Dishonest scales *are* an abomination to the LORD,
But a just weight *is* His delight,” why does the Lord abominate the dishonest
scales?

Q2. In verse 17, “The merciful man does good for his own soul, But *he who*
is cruel troubles his own flesh,” why do they so? And how should we do?

Q3. In verse 24, “There is *one* who scatters, yet increases more; And there
is *one* who withholds more than is right, But it *leads* to poverty,” why are they
so? And what attitude to possessions should we have?

(Background)

Author: Solomon

(Proverbs 1:1) The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

(Text)

¹Dishonest scales *are* an abomination to
the LORD,
But a just weight *is* His delight.

¹= Q1 Dishonest scales ... abomination to the Lord (the Lord hates dishonest scales, e.g., at sale, light weight at right side, the goods to be sold at left side; at purchase, heavy weight at right side, goods to be purchased on left side ¹Prov 20:23; Deut 25:13-16; the Lord is a just judge and the truth, hating dishonesty ²Psalm 7:11, John 14:6, 1 Peter 5:2); a just weight is His delight (or His joy)

¹ Prov 20:23 Diverse weights *are* an abomination to the LORD, And dishonest scales *are* not good.; Deut 25:13-16 “You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a heavy and a light. ¹⁴You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small. ¹⁵You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. ¹⁶For all who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, *are* an abomination to the LORD your God.

² Psalm 7:11 God *is* a just judge, And God is angry *with the wicked* every day; John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me; 1 Peter 5:2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

<p>²When <u>pride</u> comes, then comes <u>shame</u>; But with <u>the humble</u> <i>is</i> <u>wisdom</u>.</p> <p>³<u>The integrity of the upright</u> will guide them, But <u>the perversity of the unfaithful</u> will destroy them.</p> <p>⁴Riches do not profit in <u>the day of wrath</u>, But <u>righteousness delivers from death</u>.</p> <p>⁵<u>The righteousness of the blameless</u> will direct his way aright, But <u>the wicked</u> will fall by his own wickedness.</p> <p>⁶<u>The righteousness of the upright</u> will deliver them, But <u>the unfaithful</u> will be <u>caught by their lust</u>.</p> <p>⁷When a wicked man dies, <u>his expectation</u> will perish, And <u>the hope of the unjust</u> perishes.</p> <p>⁸The righteous is delivered from trouble, And <u>it comes to the wicked instead</u>.</p> <p>⁹<u>The hypocrite</u> with <u>his mouth</u> destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge <u>the righteous</u> will be delivered.</p> <p>¹⁰When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; And <u>when the wicked perish, there</u></p>	<p>2= pride... shame... the humble... wisdom (because God resists the proud, giving grace to the humble, ³James 4:6)</p> <p>3= integrity (principle or honesty) of the upright (the person who is right up toward God); the perversity (unreasonableness or away from truth) of the unfaithful (not full of loyalty or not keeping promise; the integrity contrasted with the perversity)</p> <p>4= the day of wrath (the day of judgment or the day of rapture ⁴Hebrews 9:27; riches are helpless for his salvation at the day); righteousness (whoever trusts in the Lord is considered as a righteous man, so faith delivers from death ⁵Gen 15:5-6)</p> <p>6= the unfaithful... caught by their lust (the unfaithful... eaten up by their lust)</p> <p>7= his expectation (his hope)</p> <p>8= it comes to the wicked instead (the trouble comes to the wicked)</p> <p>9= The hypocrite (the person who is saying contrary to doing); mouth (to destroy or to edify people; Sadly most people are easier to accuse, criticize, or judge than to encourage people ⁶Mat 18:6; James 3:8)</p> <p>10= when the wicked perish, there is jubilation [shouting] (e.g. Herod the Great was so cruel or horrible, and at his death, people were shouting & rejoicing ⁷Mat 2:16)</p>
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³ James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud. But gives grace to the humble."

⁴ Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

⁵ Gen 15:5-6 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

⁶ Mat 18:6 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.; James 3:8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

⁷ Mat 2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

<p><u>is jubilation.</u></p> <p>¹¹ By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But <u>it is overthrown</u> by the mouth of the wicked.</p> <p>¹² <u>He who is devoid of wisdom</u> despises his neighbor, But <u>a man of understanding</u> holds his peace.</p> <p>¹³ A <u>talebearer reveals secrets</u>, But <u>he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.</u></p> <p>¹⁴ Where <i>there is</i> no <u>counsel</u>, the people <u>fall</u>; But in the multitude of counselors <i>there is</i> <u>safety.</u></p> <p>¹⁵ He who is <u>surety</u> for a stranger will suffer, But <u>one who hates being surety</u> is secure.</p> <p>¹⁶ A <u>gracious woman</u> retains honor, But <u>ruthless men</u> retain riches.</p> <p>¹⁷ The <u>merciful man</u> does <u>good for his own soul</u>, But <u>he who is cruel</u> troubles his own flesh.</p> <p>¹⁸ The <u>wicked man</u> does <u>deceptive work</u>, But <u>he who sows righteousness</u> will have a</p>	<p>11= it is overthrown...(the city is overthrown...)</p> <p>12= wisdom... understanding... (all related to the Lord⁸ <i>Proverbs 9:10</i>)</p> <p>13= talebearer... reveals secrets (he goes around telling the secrets); he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter (he keeps confidentiality)</p> <p>14= counsel... fall... safety (counsel, especially according to God's word for Christ's sake, is safe from failure in self understanding or perspective limited to own experience, emotion, bias, or partiality)</p> <p>15= surety (a guarantee for another's debt, i.e., if another does not pay on time, he will pay it off instead ⁹<i>Romans 13:8</i>)</p> <p>16= A gracious woman (a woman who receives grace from the Lord); ruthless (cold-hearted or strong) men retain riches (those get just wealth, not honor)</p> <p>17=Q2 merciful (forgiving)... good for his own soul (because of your forgiving others, your sins are forgiven and blessed ¹⁰<i>Psalm 32:1</i>; <i>1 John 1:8-10</i>); cruel (merciless or unforgiving) troubles his own flesh (your cruel, merciless, unforgiving spirit kills yourself because your unforgiving spirit is not forgiven by God; why? ¹¹<i>Mat 6:15</i>; <i>Luke 23:34</i>; <i>Mat 5:34</i> so don't bear bitterness but forgive debtors)</p> <p>18= wicked... deceptive.... Righteousness... sure reward (whatever you sow, you will reap ¹²<i>Gal 6:8</i>)</p>
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⁸ *Proverbs 9:10* The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

⁹ *Romans 13:8* Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

¹⁰ *Psalm 32:1* Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.; *1 John 1:8-10* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

¹¹ *Mat 6:15* But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. *Luke 23:34* Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots; *Mat 5:44* But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

¹² *Gal 6:8* For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

sure reward.

¹⁹ As righteousness leads to life,
So he who pursues evil pursues it to his
own death.

²⁰ Those who are of a perverse heart are an
abomination to the LORD,
But the blameless in their ways are His
delight.

²¹ *Though they join* forces, the wicked will
not go unpunished;
But the posterity of the righteous will be
delivered.

²² As a ring of gold in a swine's snout,
So is a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

²³ The desire of the righteous *is* only good,
But the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

²⁴ There is one who scatters, yet increases
more;
And there is one who withholds more than
is right,

But it *leads* to poverty.

²⁵ The generous soul will be made rich,
And he who waters will also be watered
himself.

²⁶ The people will curse him who withholds
grain,
But blessing *will be* on the head of him who
sells it.

19= righteousness.. life... evil... death
(righteousness related to life; evil related to
death ¹³John 11:25)

21= posterity (descendants)

22= a ring of gold in a swine's snout
(description of awkward position or out of
proper place); a lovely woman who lacks
discretion (a beautiful woman without
discretion – Physical beauty without discretion
soon gets wrinkled with age)

23= wrath (angry to everybody)

24= Q3 one who scatters, yet increase more
(the more giving, the more given – the spiritual
principle about giving ¹⁴Luke 6:38); one who
withholds more than is right (one who
withholds more than is necessary, stingy or
grudging giving – so our heart to be generous
in giving to God and to others ¹⁵Exodus 19:5; 1
Tim 6:7; **Note not limited to physical matter but
extending to spiritual matter, e.g. joy/ grace/
peace/ meekness/ patience/ love** --- continue
with same subject matter up to verse 26)

26= him who withholds grain (him who holds
firmly grain, to get more profit, although the
people need); on the head of him who sells it
(Consider people's need before your profit,
and sell it, and then you will be blessed)

¹³ John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

¹⁴ Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

¹⁵ Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.; 1 Tim 6:7 For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.

<p>²⁷ He who <u>earnestly seeks</u> good finds <u>favor</u>, But trouble will come to him who seeks <u>evil</u>.</p> <p>²⁸ <u>He who trusts in his riches</u> will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage [a branch].</p> <p>²⁹ <u>He who troubles his own house</u> will inherit the wind, And the fool <i>will be</i> servant to the wise of heart.</p> <p>³⁰ The fruit of the righteous <i>is a tree of life</i>, And <u>he who wins souls</u> <i>is</i> wise.</p> <p>³¹ If the righteous will be <u>recompensed on</u> <u>the earth</u>, How much more <u>the ungodly and the</u> <u>sinner</u>.</p>	<p>²⁷ = earnestly seeks good... favor (e.g. when you diligently seek good thing from your neighbor, you would receive favor; when.... good which is God, you would receive grace from God ¹⁶ <i>Heb 11:6</i>)</p> <p>²⁸= He who trusts in his riches (he who is rich is not always he who trusts in his riches, while he who is poor is not always he who is poor in spirit ¹⁷ <i>Mark 10:25, Mat 5:3</i>).</p> <p>²⁹= He who troubles his own house (Be a peace maker of your own house, don't be angry or be independent from your own house because your family support you physically and spiritually ¹⁸ <i>1 Tim 3:5</i>)</p> <p>³⁰= he who wins souls (he who leads people to Christ ¹⁹ <i>James 5:19-20</i>) is wise (wisdom is needed to do so. <i>James 1:5</i>)</p> <p>³¹ = recompensed on the earth (whatever you sow, you will reap it, above).</p>
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¹⁶ *Heb 11:6* But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

¹⁷ *Mark 10:25* It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God;" *Mat 5:3* "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹⁸ *1 Tim 3:5* (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);

¹⁹ *James 5:19-20* Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul^[a] from death and cover a multitude of sins.; *James 1:5* If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him