

WHAT DOES PROVERBS SAY ABOUT DEALING WITH EVIL

Memorize This Week

*"Like a muddied spring or a polluted well
are the righteous who give way to the wicked."*

(Proverbs 25:26, NIV)

This week is designed to give you experience in studying a topic in Proverbs. The verses that are suggested each day are primarily from the section which we have not studied yet, *chapters 25-29*, but the terms *evil*, *evildoer*, and *wicked* occur in 113 verses in the book.

In addition to reading the daily scriptures, make good use of your concordance, and perhaps you might want to try reading through Proverbs again making note of anything that strikes you as helping to answer our question, "*How do we deal with evil?*"

DAY 1 RESPONSES AND THE WICKED

Today you should look at these verses to begin setting the baseline between how a righteous person should act and how the wicked do act.

1. What contrast is there between the righteous and the wicked (28:1)?
2. What should we not do regarding the wicked (28:4)?

What verses can you find in Proverbs which speak to the difference in the action of the righteous and the wicked?

DAY 2 KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE

Do you know the difference between right and wrong, good and evil? If we are honest, we probably don't know this as well as we ought to. If we are not growing in our understanding, then we may well slip into the ranks of the evil.

3. How do we know what is right (28:5)?
4. How does this apply when we are in leadership (29:12)?

DAY 3 LIFE UNDER THE WICKED

Throughout history, people have had to live under wicked government. Many people have lived under slavery and the abuses of the KKK. Gangs rule wickedly in many parts of the cities of our 21st Century nation. If you were born after 1967, it is doubtful you remember a time when abortion was illegal in this country. Is evil the preferred approach of most people in our society? How have we fared under wickedness?

5. When in Bible history have the righteous had to live under wicked government?
6. How do people view the triumph of evil (28:12, 28)?

What evils do you find mentioned in Proverbs?

DAY 4 GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE WICKED

The wheels of God's justice grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked for whatever you sow, you reap!

7. What always trips up the evildoer (29:6)?

DAY 5 SHOULD WE GIVE UP?

In the face of evil and its grip, we tend to want to give up, crawl in a hole, or else give up and join them in their evil ways. Believers know that victory comes, sooner or later.

8. How are the concerns of the righteous and the wicked different (29:7)?
9. What will the righteous see (29:16)?