

2:8 WISDOM Guards those who seek it ...



3:21 Those who seek it Guard it ... "she is life"

- Prov. 3:21 My child, hold on to your wisdom and insight. Never let them get away from you.
- Prov. 3:22 They will provide you with life—a pleasant and happy life.
- Prov. 3:23 You can go safely on your way
- and never even stumble.
- Prov. 3:24 You will not be afraid when you go to bed, and you will sleep soundly through the night.
- Prov. 3:25 You will not have to worry about sudden disasters, such as come on the wicked like a storm. (*or from the ruin BY the wicked when it comes*)
- Prov. 3:26 The LORD will keep you safe.
- ("be your confidence" ca-SEEL)
- He will not let you fall into a trap.

Hab. 3:16 I hear all this, and I tremble; my lips quiver with fear. My body goes limp, and my feet stumble beneath me. I will quietly wait for the time to come when God will punish those who attack us. 3:17 Even though the fig trees have no fruit and no grapes grow on the vines, even though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no grain, even though the sheep all die and the cattle stalls are empty, 3:18 I will still be joyful and glad, because the LORD God is my savior.

3:19 The Sovereign LORD gives me strength (*or wealth, or is my army*). He makes me sure-footed as a deer and keeps me safe on the mountains.

The NEIGHBOR: Being generous to others

3:27 - 28 Loving God means Loving Others 27 "do good to those who need it" *do good to the poor* ...(LXX) 28 "don't say 'come back **mañana**"

Generosity BUILDS Community

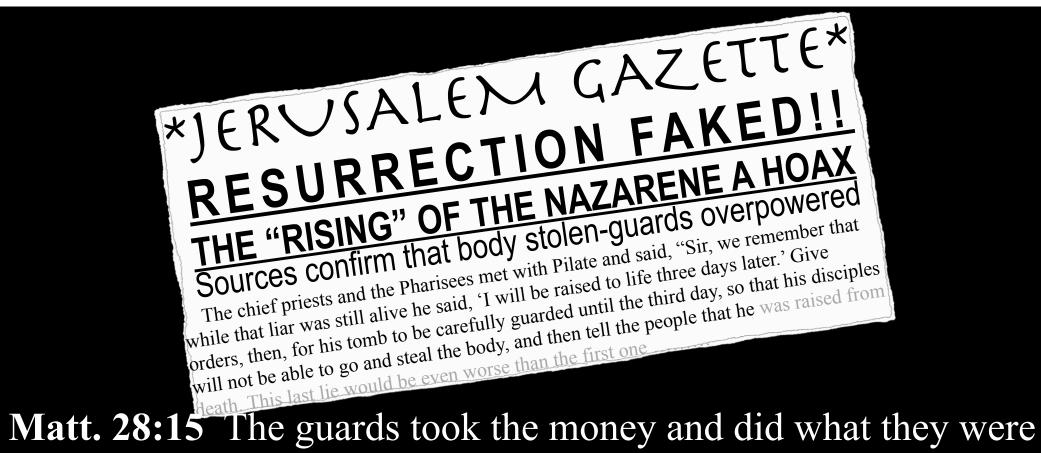
Do NOT Gossip about your neighbor ... Or falsely accuse your neighbor ...

3:29 - 30 Gossíp and lies destroy "the 'Hood" "trust becomes suspicion" "wrongs are imagined, or fabricated, where none existed" When LIES become Normal and Acceptable ... THE CULTURE DIES

Gossíp DESTROYS Community

Matt. 28:11-15 While the women went on their way (*to tell the real story*), some of the soldiers guarding the tomb went back to the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened (*the SAME story* - *the ACTUAL Facts*).

Matt. 28:11-15 The chief priests met with the elders and made their plan (*a cover-up*)... they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers (*a bribe*) and said, "Say that his disciples came during the night and stole his body while you were asleep (*a lie*) ... We will convince *Pilate* that you are innocent, and you will have nothing to worry about."(*a complete conspiracy*)



Matt. 28:15 The guards took the money and did what they were told to do. And so that is the report spread around by the Jews to this very day (*in the Temple, in the synagogues, by the "holy men"*).

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Do NOT Envy the Violent Man ... Do NOT DO as he DOES to get ahead ...

3:31 - 32 "<u>H</u>amas" - violent, perverse, twisted

The LORD Hates them

He is in intimate friendship with the UPRIGHT ... those who are "above board" have nothing to hide do not lie and do not cheat When the violent man (who physically or emotionally attacks others) becomes a hero ... We have hit the pottom 3:33 The LORD puts a curse on the homes of the **wicked**, but blesses the homes of the **righteous**.

3:34 He has no use for **conceited** people, but shows favor to those who are **humble**.

3:35 Wise people will gain an *honorable* reputation, but stupid people will only add to their own *disgrace*.

wicked vv righteous proud vv humble wise (hokmah) vv stupid (caseel) honor (kavod) vv disgrace (qalah)

3:33-35 God's Design

PowerWealthFameAll are Gifts from God (His Grace)Gifts He Gives to the Righteous ...Committed to Him and to His waysloyal and reliable menWISE men

