



PROVERBS

Dealing with Neighbors: Honor and Dishonor

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 Gossip 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

Gossip 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*)

JERUSALEM GAZETTE
RESURRECTION FAKED!!

THE "RISING" OF THE NAZARENE A HOAX
Sources confirm that body stolen-guards overpowered

The chief priests and the Pharisees met with Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that while that liar was still alive he said, 'I will be raised to life three days later.' Give orders, then, for his tomb to be carefully guarded until the third day, so that his disciples will not be able to go and steal the body, and then tell the people that he was raised from death. This last lie would be even worse than the first one"

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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C:\ KNOW WISDOM - KNOW PEACE - KNOW SAFETY

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

3:31 - 32 "Hamas" - 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 bottom**

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

Power

Wealth

Fame

All are Gifts from God (*His Grace*)

Gifts He *Gives* to the Righteous ...

Committed to Him and to His ways

loyal and reliable men

WISE men



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Two Paths - Two "kinds" of Wisdom