

Day 8

Proverbs 11:8

8 The righteous is delivered from trouble, And it comes to the wicked instead.

For Related Study...

- Proverbs 11:27
- Proverbs 12:13, 21
- Proverbs 15:6
- Proverbs 21:23

Thoughts:

This is a verse that the English Standard Version translates in a very interesting way:

The righteous is delivered from trouble, and the wicked walks into it instead. (Proverbs 11:8)

Some people just always seem to be getting into trouble. Some parents might even jokingly say of their children, “Trouble is always finding them!” While that might be a humorous commentary on the life of a child, it is far more problematic among adults.

Consider how much trouble can be avoided by abiding by biblical principles (i.e., righteousness). Those who don’t drink alcohol, or take drugs don’t end up arrested for crimes associated with those acts. Those that don’t steal or cheat at work don’t lose their jobs for their dishonesty. Those that don’t cheat on their spouses don’t end up divorced. Those that don’t commit fornication don’t end up with an unwanted pregnancy when not married. Righteousness can keep a person from a lot of trouble!

On the other hand, the wicked often walks right in to those types of trouble. They bemoan their circumstances, but don’t change their practices that lead to their problems!

Application:

How often do your troubles of life stem from your own choices? Do you walk into trouble because of wickedness? There is no one to blame but yourself if that is the case! Let us determine to seek the way of righteousness. If we do that, then many of life’s troubles will be taken away! If you find yourself constantly in trouble, you should evaluate the rest of your life, and see what changes you should make toward righteousness!