

# sermon notes

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## The pursuit of God-honoring righteousness involves...

- 1) A submission to \_\_\_\_\_ (28:1–9)
- 2) An aversion to \_\_\_\_\_ (28:10–18)
- 3) The cultivation of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (28:19–28)

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

How many times is the word “wicked” or its synonyms used in Proverbs 28? How about “righteous” and its synonyms? How does the cultivation of wisdom lead to a righteous life? How does a rejection of wisdom (and the fear of the Lord) lead to wickedness?

How many references to the law are there in Proverbs 28? What role does the law play in leading God’s people to righteousness? How does rejection of God’s law lead to wickedness? What examples do we have in the OT of societal rejection of God’s law that led to widespread wickedness?

### GET PERSONAL

Read Proverbs 28:13. Read also 1 John 1:9 in the NT. How is confession necessary for salvation? What about sanctification? How should confession take place in the NT community of faith? Do we need to confess our sins to a priest? Do we need to confess our sins to one another?

What does a righteous wealthy person look like in Proverbs 28? What about an unrighteous wealthy person? What about a righteous poor person and an unrighteous poor person? What role does integrity play in our handling of wealth? Would other people describe you as a person of financial integrity? Would others describe you as stingy, greedy, or materialistic? Why or why not?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

If the pursuit of God-honoring righteousness involves submission to God’s law, how submitted are you to God’s law? How submitted are you to God? Are you familiar with what God’s Word says about how you should live your life? How does one become familiar? What are some ways that you can become more familiar? How are you learning from others who have more knowledge of God’s Word than you do?

### ADVANCED QUESTION

How do we harmonize the positive statements about the law in Proverbs 28 (see also Pss 19:7-11; 119:9–16) with other statements about the law in the NT (Rom 7:7-25; 8:3-4; Gal 3:24)? How is the law good? Why is obedience to the law not sufficient for salvation? Which aspects of the law are fulfilled in Christ? Should a Christian “delight” in the law of the Lord (Ps 1:2) and labor to obey it? For help with this, see the following article on “The Threefold Use of the Law”:

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/threefold-use-law>