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“What the wicked fears will come upon him, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.” (Prov. 10:24) Practicing righteousness always pays. The righteous are those who are moved by the death of Jesus and respond to His death by doing right. Righteousness isn't only about the future, but the present. **“If the righteous will be rewarded in the earth, how much more the wicked and the sinner!** (Prov. 11:31)

The wicked will fall into their own fears, but the righteous are watched out for by God. **“But he who listens to me shall live securely and will be at ease from the dread of evil.”** (Prov. 1:33) The righteous has security and can be at ease because of the promises of God. **“Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you, reprove a wise man and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser, teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning.”** (Prov. 9:8-9) The righteous one becomes more stable, secure and their life moves into more and depth of the hope and understanding of God. **“The Lord will not allow the righteous to hunger, but He will reject the craving of the wicked.”** (Prov. 10:3) The righteous have assurances that the wicked do not. Righteousness takes away fear! **“He who walks in His uprightness fears the Lord, but he who is devious is his ways despises Him.”** (Prov. 14:2) The righteous fear the Lord. The wicked are devious! They give lip service only and despise His ways. **“The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be shortened.”** (Prov. 10:27) Does righteousness really pay? **“The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.”** (Prov. 15:29)

The righteous are in God's favor and they know that. The more one gains insight to their standing with God, walking in His righteousness, dispels fears in their life. **“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe.”** (Prov. 18:10)

John tells us this way, **“By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.”** (I John 3:10) Think about it!!!

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