

Questions on Proverbs Chapter 17

1. As we saw in 15:17, verse one describes an environment that is “better” than another. Poor quality food in a peaceful environment is better than delicious food in what type of environment?
 - a. Verse 14 later compares strife to what?
 - b. Verse 19 again mentions strife. Who loves strife?
2. What does God test? (3)
 - a. *Why* does God do this testing? See Deuteronomy 8:2
3. What are evildoers and liars happy to hear? (v. 4)
4. What does one seek when he conceals another person’s transgressions? (9) What does he separate by betraying another’s trust? (9)
5. Verses 5 and 11 remind us of the *riot mentality* that is pervasive in our country today. What do these people enjoy?
6. Verse 15 describes the very common practice of people commending the wicked while condemning the just. What is this to God?
7. When does a true friend love? (17) And he supports a brother even in times of _____? (17)
8. What is a cheerful heart according to verse 22?

9. According to verses 21 and 25, what are the consequences to the parents of having a foolish or scoffing child?

10. What perverts justice? (23)

11. Verse 24 contains a good lesson about focus, commitment and reality. What is the difference between the fool and the wise with regard to their focus and objectives? (*note: It is not wrong to have aspirations, but to be successful one must have realistic goals.*)

12. What is not good according to verse 26?
 - a. Thought question... What are some consequences of punishing those who do right?

13. As did 10:19 and 15:28, verses 27 and 28 of this chapter commend the practice of restraining the tongue. Who spares his words according to verse 27?
 - a. “Even a _____ is counted wise when he holds his peace.” (28)