

The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.
Proverbs 29:25

Faith in God is Strengthened by Faithfulness

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and **reassure** our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. **1John 3:17-20**

1. **Practices Regarding Wealth that Undermine Faith in God** (22:22-28, 23:10-11)

(a) Gaining Property through Foolish Living

He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me. They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me. **Psalms 18:17-19**

(b) Losing Property through Foolish Living

The Hothead is someone "whose judgement is clouded by irrational thought and who loses all sense of proportion, acts impetuously, often in a terrifying way, and is incapable of measured utterance. The quick tempered is like a bomb with a short fuse, ready to explode at any moment with devastating consequences" **Waltke PROVERBS p. 232**

2. Attitudes Regarding Wealth that Undermine Faith in God

(23:1-8)

It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones. **Psalms 127:2**

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to **trust in their money**, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. **1 Timothy 6:17** NLT

See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches. **Psalms 52:7**

Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf. **Proverbs 11:28**

3. The Approach to Wealth that Cultivates Faith in God (22:29)