

## Bible Study Lesson: Integrity, Generosity, and True Life - 02262026

### Focal Scripture (NIV – Proverbs 28:18–22)

18 The one whose walk is blameless is kept safe, but the one whose ways are perverse will fall into the pit.

19 Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty.

20 A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

21 To show partiality is not good—yet a person will do wrong for a piece of bread.

22 The stingy are eager to get rich and are unaware that poverty awaits them.

### Lesson Objectives

- Understand the contrast between integrity and corruption in daily living.
- Recognize the value of diligence and faithfulness over greed and shortcuts.
- Reflect on the dangers of partiality and selfishness.
- Connect Proverbs' wisdom to Jesus' teaching on love (Mark 12:28–34) and James' call to active faith (James 2:14–17).

### Verse Breakdown and Insights

- Verse 18: Integrity provides safety; corruption leads to destruction.
- Verse 19: Hard work brings provision; chasing fantasies leads to poverty.
- Verse 20: Faithfulness brings blessing; greed brings judgment.
- Verse 21: Partiality compromises justice—even small temptations can lead to wrongdoing.
- Verse 22: Stinginess and greed blind people to their eventual ruin.

### Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to walk blamelessly in today's world?
2. How do we balance diligence in work with trust in God's provision?
3. Why is faithfulness more valuable than quick riches?
4. How does partiality undermine justice and love?

5. How can generosity and integrity demonstrate true faith in action?

 Memory Verse

Proverbs 28:20 (NIV): A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

 Why This Lesson Prepares Us for Mark 12:28–34 and James 2:14–17

- Mark 12:28–34: Jesus teaches that the greatest commandment is to love God and neighbor. Proverbs 28 warns against greed, partiality, and selfishness—barriers to true love.
- James 2:14–17: Faith without works is dead. Proverbs emphasizes diligence, generosity, and integrity—practical works that show living faith.
- Together, these passages highlight that true devotion to God is expressed in faithful living, love, and active service.

 Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for teaching us through Your Word that integrity, diligence, and generosity bring blessing. Guard us from greed, selfishness, and partiality. Help us to love You with all our heart and to show our faith through works of love and service. May our lives reflect Your wisdom and truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Fill-in-the-Blank Worksheet (Participant Version)

### Bible Study Worksheet: Proverbs 28:18–22 (NIV)

#### Focus Scripture

“The one whose walk is \_\_\_\_\_ is kept safe, but the one whose ways are \_\_\_\_\_ will fall into the pit.” (v.18)

“Those who work their \_\_\_\_\_ will have abundant food, but those who chase \_\_\_\_\_ will have their fill of poverty.” (v.19)

“A \_\_\_\_\_ person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get \_\_\_\_\_ will not go unpunished.” (v.20)

#### Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the contrast between \_\_\_\_\_ and corruption in daily living.
2. Recognize the value of \_\_\_\_\_ and faithfulness over greed.
3. Reflect on the dangers of \_\_\_\_\_ and selfishness.

#### Verse Breakdown

- Verse 18: Integrity provides \_\_\_\_\_; corruption leads to \_\_\_\_\_.
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- Verse 22: \_\_\_\_\_ and greed blind people to their eventual ruin.

#### Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to walk \_\_\_\_\_ in today’s world?
2. Why is \_\_\_\_\_ more valuable than quick riches?
3. How can \_\_\_\_\_ and integrity demonstrate true faith in action?

## Memory Verse

Fill in the blanks:

“A \_\_\_\_\_ person will be richly \_\_\_\_\_, but one eager to get \_\_\_\_\_ will not go unpunished.”  
(Proverbs 28:20)

## Connection to Mark & James

- Mark 12: Jesus teaches the greatest commandment is to love \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- James 2: Faith without \_\_\_\_\_ is dead.
- Proverbs 28: Integrity, diligence, and \_\_\_\_\_ show living faith.