



DISHONEST GAINS

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PROVERBS 10:2-3 GNV – (2) The treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death. (3) The Lord will not famish the soul of the righteous: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

Sin will not succeed! Wickedness cannot profit, no matter how much wealth you temporarily pile up. You cannot buy God off from judgment in this life or the next. Righteousness is the key to a successful life, and it will deliver you from several deaths. Are you committed to righteousness, even if it means earthly poverty?

Wicked men may prosper for a while. Do not envy them. It is an illusion – terrible judgment is coming soon. Do not copy them. Sin will not work, and you will lose. The rich man fared sumptuously every day, but he could not prolong his life or buy his way into heaven. He could not even buy a drop of water for his tongue (**Luke 16:19-21**).

Ahab and Jezebel murdered Naboth to steal his vineyard, but the wine it produced could not cheer the heart of a holy God or comfort the sinners He condemned. Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord. This wicked couple appeared to be gaining in real estate holdings by their wicked conspiracy against Naboth, but a chance arrow killed Ahab, and dogs licked his blood from his chariot and ate Jezebel.

If you get ahead by wickedness, it is only for a moment. Don't be deceived.

SCRIPTURE READING
ECCLESIASTES 8:12

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it.”