

Proverbs 11:23-29

The Tale of Two Men

23 The desire of the righteous is only good,
But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

* 2 ambitious and 2 results from 2 lifestyles

24 There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more,
And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want.

But the blessed life may not appear rational...
"- to get you going."
"it is more blessed to give than to receive"
- Jesus

Someone (God) sees his motives and judges him

↑ illustration: "scatters"

25 The generous man will be prosperous,
And he who waters will himself be watered.

* Because an outside source brings blessing

← application:

26 He who withholds grain, the people will curse him,
But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

— Seeking only his own bounty

— Seeking only the good of others

27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor,
But he who seeks evil, evil will come to him.

— I.E. People love him... and are favorable to him

— people hate him

28 He who trusts in his riches will fall,
But the righteous will flourish like the green leaf.

wealth will fail you

Ps. 1... Righteousness will cause you to continually flourish

29 He who troubles his own house will inherit wind,
And the foolish will be servant to the wisehearted.

hopes are dashed by sin

evil will be humiliated when all is done.
faithfulness will be honored.

* and if sin gets into the home, the blessing of the home is GONE - social suicide

and life will collapse
an outside source of power will bless them