

Proverbs 3 Why Crime Doesn't Really Pay

Crime doesn't pay... or does it?

Are the Proverbs really true?

Righteousness is rewarded by God – the wicked are punished

- 3: 1-2 – long life
- 3: 9-10 wealth
- 3: 7-8 – good health
- 3: 33 blessing

Ecclesiastes 2: 13-16

The wise have eyes in their heads, while the fool walks in the darkness; but I came to realise that the same fate overtakes them both. What then do I gain by being wise?"

Ultimate Reality for the Righteous and Wicked

Proverbs 10:2, 16, 24-25 11:4 13:9

Crime doesn't pay – God will do what is just

Am I righteous?

Romans 3: 10-11 Problem – no-one is righteous, not even one

Romans 3: 23-25 Answer: Justification – God declares us to be righteous

Prov 10:16 *The wages of the righteous is life,
but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death.*

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

John 5:24 *Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.*

Righteousness does pay - a new life to live for God