

Are you in a hurry?

Wisdom from the Proverbs

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Proverbs 19:2 (KJV) *Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.*

Comments of others on this verse:

"The last illustrates the first clause. Rashness, the result of ignorance, brings trouble." (JFB).

"<This is the person> who engages in anything ignorantly and rashly, he misses the mark, and fails in the performance of it, for want of due consideration and care." (John Gill).

"2. Rashness. He that hastes with his feet (that does things inconsiderately and with precipitation, and will not take time to ponder the path of his feet) sins; he cannot but often miss the mark and take many a false step, which those prevent that consider their ways. As good not know as not consider." (Matthew Henry).

Here are more scriptures which teach the folly of being hasty.

Proverbs 14:29 (KJV) *He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is **hasty of spirit** exalteth folly.*

- Quick speaking and quick acting in wrath always promotes foolishness.

James 1:19 (KJV) *Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man **be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:***

Proverbs 21:5 (KJV) *The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of **every one that is hasty** only to want.*

- Diligence versus hastiness is demonstrated in this verse. Men are plagued with the desire of having what they desire very quickly.

Things that are good, wholesome, and enduring – with enough and to spare comes through diligence, not haste. A young man, upon observing a senior citizen do his chores remarked, “He needs to speed up – he just moves too slow.” Then another, hearing the remark said, “Follow him around at his pace all day and see who accomplishes the most. He doesn’t make very many mistakes.”

“Oh, this haste to be rich! How it pierces through with many sorrows, and drowns men souls in perdition. The lesson heaven would here teach you, my brother man, and which we need so much to learn is MODERATION. Never were those words to appropriate as now. Christ must have had this generation in mind when he taught us thus to pray. Go to the cities and the highways, yea, even the byways. Did you ever see such bustle and hustle, such hurry and worry, such flutter and flurry, such fidgets and frets, such dash and splash, such push and press, such rush and race, such splutter and scramble, such scratching and scraping, such dancing and prancing, such craving and crying, such eyeing and spying, such lusting and lying, such looking and longing, such wrangling and wrestling, such waking and watching, such hot-haste, pelmel, slap-dash, full-tilt, beak-neck hells-over-head sort of living. Destructive energy. Haste making waste. Candle burning at both ends. Go slower, and you will do more, and live longer, and live better and happier, and be more useful.” (From the *The Exceeding Riches of the Manifold Grace of God*, by J. B. Moody page 28, Stacy Printing Company, Buffalo, IA, written in the 1800’s, reprinted 1993.)

Proverbs 25:8 (KJV) *Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.*

- Those who “go forth hastily to strive” are people who fling themselves headlong into a fight without due consideration of what the outcome could be. Many a black eye and bloody nose follows the fling of the foolish.

Proverbs 28:22 (KJV) *He that **hasteth to be rich** hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.*

Proverbs 21:5 (KJV) *The thoughts of the **diligent** tend only to plenteousness; but of **every one that is hasty** only to want.*

- When a person is in a hurry to be rich, we can be sure that he has the wrong motives. We may not know what all those motives are, but the very fact that a person wants to fill his barns to bursting in a year or two – will be the man who loses all. Then, when poverty comes, he will ask himself why? Why? Why?

Ecclesiastes 7:9 (KJV) ***Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry:** for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.*

Proverbs 14:29 (KJV) *He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but **he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.***

- These two verses paint an awesome picture. Hotheads, who are angry suddenly are fools.

Ephesians 4:31 (KJV) *Let all bitterness, **and wrath, and anger,** and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

Colossians 3:8 (KJV) *But now ye also put off all these; **anger, wrath,** malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.*

- For God's dear children, such rush to anger, wrath and such like serve only to destroy and undermine one's good name and his witness for Jesus Christ.