

## Proverbs 20 Cheating vs Honesty

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*Proverbs 20:10 The Lord despises every kind of cheating.*

*Proverbs 20:17 Some men enjoy cheating, but the cake they buy with such ill-gotten gain will turn to gravel in their mouths.*

*Proverbs 20:21 A fortune can be made from cheating, but there is a curse that goes with it.*

*Proverbs 20:23 The Lord loathes all cheating and dishonesty.*

*Proverbs 20:28 If a king is kind, honest and fair, his kingdom stands secure.*

## SUMMARY:

Any time we give our mates less than 100% of ourselves we are cheating her, God, and ourselves. Ephesians 5:25 – Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. Be sure to read Ephesians 5:28

## NOTES:

## DISCUSSION POINTS:

**Introductory Question:** Do you feel that all marriage problems involve selfishness and cheating in some form? Explain

Discussion:

- Name some ways that we all cheat our wives or an employer or our customers and thereby cheat ourselves and God.
- At your table – each person share what you believe the gift or talent that God has placed in you.
- Now as yourself and share your response: Have I allowed Him to use my talents to fulfill His purpose for my life?

## APPLICATION:

- Decide to make your wife your highest priority after God; then your kids, church and your job.
- Follow the wisdom of 1 Peter 3:7 so your prayers will not be hindered.
- See your job or business as belonging to God and perform your work as though you are serving Him first.
- Seek wise counsel from Godly men as well as from God's operation manual – the Bible for all wisdom is from God. James 1:5
- If you believe that your wife needs changing – you change your heart first and have faith in God that He will bring about change in her in His time.

## ON YOUR OWN...

Read:

Proverbs 20:5,7,18,20,25,27,29

Philippians 3:13-14

Mark 4:22

Ephesians 4:31-32

Proverbs 21 for next week.