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(#198) The Proverbs of Solomon 29:24- Wanna Abet?

Proverbs 29:24:

Whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life; He swears to tell the truth, but reveals nothing.

Solomon has already judged against agreeing to uphold someone else's debt ([Proverbs 11:15](#); [17:18](#); [20:16](#); [22:26-27](#); [27:13](#)), now he warns against sharing in someone's sin! The gang members, driver of the get-away vehicle, owner/renter of a meth lab house, participants in the crime, are all as guilty as the one who actually commits the sin! This proverb shows that the one who shares in "thievery," for instance, will end up losing his/her honesty and integrity by swearing "to tell the truth, but reveal[ing] nothing."

The truth of this proverb remains unchanged in the New Testament Law of Jesus Christ:

Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure. ([1 Timothy 5:22](#))

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds. ([2 John 9-11](#))

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. ([Romans 1:28-32](#))



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Saul of Tarsus may not have stoned the first martyr for Jesus Christ, Stephen, but Saul protected the coats of those who did the stoning ([Acts 7:54-60](#))! This still bothered him toward the end of his spiritually productive life ([1 Timothy 1:12-16](#))! Choose your associates and friends carefully; be well aware of what they're up to; have the courage to avoid damning situations! They may actually "think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you*" ([1 Peter 4:4](#)).

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