

# Proverbs 11:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

## Analysis

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He that diligently seeks good procures favor, but he that seeks mischief, it shall come unto him. Pursuing good brings favor; pursuing evil brings evil upon oneself. This principle presents moral universe as responsive - what you seek, you find; what you pursue, pursues you. The verse promises both reward for righteousness and retribution for wickedness built into reality's moral structure.

## Historical Context

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Reflects covenant theology where obedience brought blessing, rebellion brought curse. The principle extended beyond Israel to all humanity - God's moral governance ensures justice.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What are you currently 'diligently seeking' - good or mischief?
2. How have you experienced receiving what you pursued, whether good or evil?

## Interlinear Text

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He that diligently seeketh	good	procureth	favour	but he that seeketh	mischief
H7836	H2896	H1245	H7522	H1875	H7451
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 17:11** (Parallel theme): An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

**Psalms 57:6** (Parallel theme): They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.

**Esther 7:10** (Parallel theme): So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.