

Proverbs 11:1

A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight.

Each state in our nation has a Department of Weights and Measures. One of their jobs is to ensure that the citizens of that state receive what they are paying for. When you go to your local service stations, you'll clearly see that each pump has been tested, that it provides the correct amount of gasoline for which you are paying for.

But is this only what this scripture is talking about? Buying and selling. What about the balances or scales within your heart. Do you hold certain people more accountable, than you do others? Do you let one person get away with one thing, when you would never allow another to do the same? I have seen many times where a person in a family, church or group does something that is really not seen as right or fair; but it is overlooked because they are close to the right people. In fact, those same people would never have tolerated the same choices or actions by anyone outside of their circle. Far too often Christians are just as guilty of this, as those outside of the church. We somehow justify sin in one another's lives, because that person is close to us; yet we would never dream of tolerating it with anyone else.

Please don't take this as me being legalistic, because I certainly am not! I believe in extending grace and mercy, just as our Lord extends it to us; my question is do you only extend it to certain people and not across the board! This should not be! What we must never forget, is that truth is truth. Whether someone is a family member, a church member or a close friend; that relationship should never allow them the privilege or right to break any law that we know is wrong. To do so is to compromise all that we know is right!

If you really love the person in your life who is conducting themselves in an illegal, unethical or immoral way; it is your obligation as a believer to go to them and share the truth. Confrontation is a dirty word in our vernacular today, but it is God's way of dealing with such offenses. Once we start compromising in any area of our lives, it becomes easy to do so in all areas as well.

Often others are watching us to see if we have different scales or measuring sticks depending on the situation, person or timing. What scales do you live by? Are they the same ones you apply across the board to all others? Do your scales line up with the word of God, or are they ones you have created because of hurts, pain and offenses in your past?

Beloved if this describes you, then ask Jesus Christ to forgive you of these double standards and false balances. To set you free, as well as the others that you have held captive through these unjust scales.