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Reward and punishment is a fundamental principle of Jewish belief. “If you will follow My degrees and observe My commandments and perform them; then I will provide...”

Rabbi Abaye the Elder says, “Strife is like planks of a wooden bridge; the longer they lie, the firmer they grow.”

Strife is punishment. The more strife, the less goodness comes into the community.

Do not be surprised if a criminal goes unpunished for their crime for in “the end” the criminal will be caught.

The principles of reward and punishment are clear. They are difficult and a challenge to understand. Because of the challenge, choose wisely!

Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Nathan W. Langer