

PROVERBS 11 - Wise Sayings of Solomon!

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The Proverbs of Solomon

Pro 11:1 Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But (22x) a just weight is His delight.

- **The false balance is contrasted with the just weight.** Now in those days, the whole commercial system was done with balances. God wants you to be a square shooter. Be honest, be straight forward. “A false balance is an *abomination to the Lord.*”
- **But a just (fair) weight is His delight.** God delights in it.

Pro 11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.

- **Pride is contrasted** with a man who is lowly.

Pro 11:3 The integrity (contrasted with perversity) of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.

- **The integrity of the upright.** You are living by principals, and your life is guided by these principals, so the integrity of the upright will be the guide to them.
- **But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.** This is what we were talking about. These guys in business are perverse. They will be destroyed ultimately, by that perverseness.

Pro 11:4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness (12x) delivers (5x) from death.

- **It does not matter how rich you are,** in the day of wrath, when God’s wrath comes upon the earth!
- **But righteousness delivers him from death.** When the day of God’s judgment comes, I do not think it is going to be any consolation to say, “Well, I’m the richest man in hell!” “Riches profit nothing in the day of wrath, but righteousness, it’ll deliver from that death.” Righteousness and wickedness contrasted.

Pro 11:5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright, But the wicked (8x,

lawless, did wrong) will fall by his own wickedness.

- **The righteousness of the blameless.** You will seek that your life be directed in, in the right path, in the right way, and so the righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way.
- **But the wicked.** You’ll fall in your own perversities.

Pro 11:6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver (guides) them, But the unfaithful will be caught by their lust.

- **This is saying the same thing as verse five,** only putting it in a little different way. Again, upright contrasted with unfaithfulness.

Pro 11:7 When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, And the hope of the unjust perishes.

- **That is the end. When a wicked man dies there is no more hope** for him. It is tragic when a wicked person dies. When a sin, when a sinner dies. It, there is no hope! It leaves you such hopelessness.
- **And the hope of the unjust perishes.** No hope, death is the end.

Pro 11:8 The righteous is delivered from trouble, And it comes to the wicked instead.

Pro 11:9 The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.

Pro 11:10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; And when the wicked perish, there is jubilation.

- **Again, righteousness and wickedness.** Herod the Great was a great example of this verse. He was wicked and was hated. Before his death he ordered the deaths of several popular men upon his death,

so the people would be sorrowful of their deaths. Fortunately, the soldiers were wise enough to realize when he was dying, “Well why should we follow his orders? He is dead now.” So, they did not execute those men that he had determined should be executed. It was party time! When Herod died, there was shouting! “When the wicked perish, there is jubilation!”

Pro 11:11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

- ***By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted.*** Because you have a person who is upright, who is ruling, the people rejoice. They are blessed! They are exalted!
- ***but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.*** Verse twelve contrasting a man who is void of wisdom with a man of understanding.
- ***(Pro 14:34) Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.***

Pro 11:12 He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace.

- ***If you despise your neighbor, then it means that you are just void of wisdom. But a man of understanding will hold his peace.*** This one is good!

Pro 11:13 A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

- ***A talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals the matter.*** He will not go around telling it. A talebearer will stir strife. He reveals the secrets.

Pro 11:14 Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

- ***Where no counsel is, the people fall.*** How many people have fallen because they will not listen to counsel?
- ***But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.*** Seek someone else’s advice. Seek the opinion of a person that you respect, a person who is not so emotionally involved in the situation as you are. Someone who is a little, can be a little more objective. You get so deeply involved, you do not take counsel.

Pro 11:15 He who is surety for a stranger will suffer, But one who hates being surety is secure.

- ***That is, if you guarantee (co-sign) the loan of a stranger, you will be hurt.***
- ***But one who hates being surety is secure.*** You hate being a guarantee for someone else’s debts.

Pro 11:16 A gracious woman retains honor, But ruthless men retain riches.

- ***A gracious woman retains honor.*** That is beautiful!
- ***Character and honor are important to the gracious woman,*** but all the ruthless care about is riches.

Pro 11:17 The merciful man does good for his own soul (health too), But he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.

- ***The merciful man does good for his own soul:*** The one who shows mercy to others will be shown mercy, and this is good for the soul.
- ***He who is cruel troubles his own flesh:*** The one who is unmerciful and cruel to others will find that it troubles himself. The measure men use for others will also be measured to them.
- ***It is interesting that they are beginning now to relate more and more, the attitudes*** that you have with certain physical kind of maladies. They are finding that there is quite a relationship between extreme bitterness that a person is carrying, and ulcers. How our bodies, the, the glands produce these different chemicals, hormones.
- ***There is a proverb in chapter 15, “A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance.*** We know that to be happy is, is very helpful and healthy for a person. It helps you digest your food, if you’re happy and laughing at the table. If you are angry and bitter and you are eating, the food just sort of curdles your stomach. You know, churns. Bad chemicals are being mixed that can have a physical effect upon you. Bitterness can be destructive to your flesh..

Pro 11:18 The wicked man does deceptive work, But he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward.

Pro 11:19 As righteousness leads to life, So he who pursues evil pursues it to his own death.

- ***The wicked man does deceptive work:*** When a person works with deception and dishonesty, it is evidence of wickedness. The wise and honest person knows that work must be done in a way marked by honesty and integrity.
- ***He who sows righteousness will have a sure reward:*** Those who do their work in righteousness, marked by honesty and integrity, will see the sure reward of their work. Their righteous work is like good seed that has been sown.

Pro 11:20 Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, But the blameless in their ways are His delight.

- **Now would not it be horrible if God said, “Oh they’re an abomination to Me!”** I do not want to be an abomination to God! I want God to look at me with delight. I want God to be delighted in me. I want God to have delight from my life. “If you’re perverse in heart, you’re an abomination to God, but if you’re upright, your way is His delight.”

Pro 11:21 Though they join forces (Armageddon), the wicked will not go unpunished; But the posterity of the righteous will be delivered.

- ***Though they join forces, the wicked will not go unpunished:*** Man, alone or in a group, is not strong enough to resist God. God will judge all who seek to resist God. Think of the concentration of men resisting God at the Tower of Babel.
- ***But the posterity of the righteous will be delivered:*** God’s blessing will be upon His righteous ones, and upon their descendants, their posterity.

Pro 11:22 As a ring of gold in a swine’s (unclean) snout, So is a lovely woman who lacks discretion. (such waste!)

- **This one is interesting! Just out of place!** A beautiful woman without discretion. So is a gold ring in swine’s snout. It is just out of place. So is a beautiful woman who is without discretion.

Pro 11:23 The desire of the righteous is only good, But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

Pro 11:24 There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty. (generous, increase! Stingy, decrease!)

- **There is an interesting spiritual principle involved here, and it is not always understood.** There is a spiritual principle concerning giving. Especially when it relates to the things of God and giving to God. Jesus expressed the principle when He said, “Give and it shall be given unto you, measured out, pressed down, and running over shall men give, into your bosom.” That is by being generous and giving, more will be given to you. If you are tight, stingy, withholding, then that will tend towards poverty. The Lord said that we should be giving. So, “He who scatters,” there are those that scatter, they give, “and yet they increase, and yet there are those who are holding on,” or trying to hold on, “more than is necessary and it tends towards poverty.”

Pro 11:25 The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.

- **So, the encouragement towards being generous, towards being liberal,** towards giving to others. If you give water, you will be watered yourself.
- **How giving am I?**

Pro 11:26 The people will curse him who withholds grain (taking advantage in time of crisis), But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

- ***He who withhold grain, in contrast to he who sells it, the blessings will be on the one who sells it.*** So, the importance of, of giving, generosity.

Pro 11:27 He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, But trouble will come to him who seeks evil.

- **“Whatever a man sows, that he shall also reap.” It will come back to you.** What is a proverb, that little chick, little hens that come home to roost, or something like that? You know, it comes back to you is, is what the idea is, and that is what the proverb is saying here.

- What am I seeking?

Pro 11:28 *He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage.*

- Now it is talking about trusting in riches, contrasting with *the righteous who will flourish like a branch.*
- In what am I trusting? Am I in the center of His will?

Pro 11:29 *He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind (nothing), And the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.*

- No contrast. Just, they both are, are fools!

Pro 11:30 *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.*

- Life is related to righteousness, once more. That is also repeated in Daniel. “He that wins souls is wise.” “Fruit of the righteous is the tree of life.” Winning souls, wise.
- He who wins souls is wise: One of the greatest exercises of wisdom is to win souls to God and His kingdom. It takes wisdom to love, give, and winsomely answer those who have yet to come into God’s kingdom.

Pro 11:31 *If the righteous will be recompensed (chastised-Moses, David) on the earth, How much more the ungodly and the sinner.*

- (1 Pe 4:17) *For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

Closing Prayer: Father we thank You for the words of wisdom that tend to life, to health, to godliness. May we give heed, may we follow the instructions. May we walk in the path of righteousness and peace, goodness and love, in Jesus’ name, Amen.

HE IS LORD - Brooklyn Tabernacle (3:15)

Jesus Christ - (Col 2:3) in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

*He is Lord He is Lord He has risen from the dead And He is Lord
Every knee shall bow Every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord (2x)*

*He’s my Lord He’s my Lord He has risen from the dead And He’s my Lord
Every knee shall bow Every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord*

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