

# Proverbs Study Week 18

## Proverbs 11:1-10

Join us this week as we begin Proverbs 11 and look at the contrast between the upright and the wicked. As we study verse by verse, ask yourself... who am I?

**\*\*\*Read Proverbs 11:1-10\*\*\***

I love Proverbs 11 because it gives us 31 verses of practical wisdom. Most of the 31 verses demonstrate a contrast between righteous and wicked people. This contrast allows us to take a hard look at our lives and ask ourselves; am I righteous or wicked?

These verses force us to look at how we interact and deal with other people and whether we treat people fairly or not. So read each verse and let it hit you in the heart!

- **Have you ever been a part of a bad deal? Has your pride ever gotten the best of you, explain?**
  
- **Proverbs 11:1**
  - God wants us to be honest and be fair in all our dealings with people. It is not only wrong in the world's eyes to cheat somebody in a deal (wrong scales), but it is also an abomination to God. An abomination means that it is truly evil in the sight of the Lord. God delights in us when we are honest in our dealings with other people.
    - Leviticus 19:35-36
    - Deuteronomy 25:13-16
    - Micah 6:11
    - Proverbs 16:11
  
- **Proverbs 11:2**
  - The word pride comes from a word meaning to boil or run over, meaning having an extremely arrogant attitude or behavior. It is of most importance that we are not prideful. When a person is full of pride, they cannot be led, taught or helped. We must be humble and have a teachable spirit and soft spirit.
    - James 4:6
    - Proverbs 16:18
    - Proverbs 29:23
    - Romans 12:16

- Galatians 6:3
- **Proverbs 11:3**
  - There is something about the actions and behaviors of wicked people that destroy them. In this verse, it seems a righteous or integrous person is innocent of any wrongdoing, and that guides their life. However, those who are wicked or those who are dishonest are destroyed by their actions and behavior.
    - Proverbs 22:2
    - Proverbs 13:6
    - Proverbs 19:3
    - Proverbs 22:12
- **Proverbs 11:4**
  - The day of judgement or the day of wrath, refers to when we die or when God settles accounts with all people. On judgement day, each one of us will stand alone in front of the creator of the universe and give account for our lives. So what matters in this life? Love God and love people. Nothing in this world can save you, you must give your life to Jesus. He brings us life, not death.
  - **If you died today and stood before God, does your life reflect Jesus? Are you obedient to God, or do you follow the world?**
    - Ezekiel 7:19
    - Zephaniah 1:18
    - Matthew 12:36
    - Hebrews 9:27
    - 1 Corinthians 4:5
    - 2 Corinthians 5:10
    - 1 Thessalonians 5:9
- **Proverbs 11:5**
  - There is a weight on us when we are living in sin. We have all felt the heaviness of wrong choices or the weight of sinfulness. And as we live under the burden of guilt, it tends to snowball into more and more sin. When we live in the light there is a freedom that is light and easy.
    - Proverbs 3:6
    - Proverbs 5:22
    - Proverbs 12:3
    - Proverbs 21:29
- **Proverbs 11:6**
  - The righteousness or Godliness spoken of in this verse, is Jesus' righteousness we have taken on, and not anything of our own

doing. Again, the weight of sin is a trap that ensnares and eventually destroys us. Follow Jesus and be saved.

- 1 Thessalonians 1:10
- Psalms 7:15-16
- Psalms 9:15
- Ecclesiastes 10:8

- **Proverbs 11:7**

- Where you put your hope matters. Jesus is our hope and anything outside of Him is worthless. It is such a good reminder that all the worldly things we pursue are meaningless. We cannot take our money, our toys, our things to Heaven... so why do we continue to chase after them?
- **What worldly things do you get caught up chasing after? What do you need to cut out of your life in order to get closer to Jesus?**
  - Job 8:13-14
  - Psalm 112:10
  - Philippians 4:8

- **Proverbs 11:8**

- Both this verse and verse seven contrast two paths in life. But again, they are not intended to apply to all people in all circumstances. Just because you are a Christian, does not mean that your life will be free from trouble or heartache. However, what it is saying is that if a person follows God's wisdom, God can rescue them from trouble and will ultimately be rescued from eternal death.
- **Why do you think trouble falls on the wicked? How does God rescue His people from trouble? Why do you think that bad things can still happen to good people?**
  - Proverbs 12:13
  - Revelation 7:14
  - Proverbs 21:18

- **Proverbs 11:9**

- The mouth can be used as a weapon or it can be used as a tool. The mouth can be used to build up and speak life, or it can be used for vulgarity and to tear down. The mouth can be used to build, or it can be used to destroy relationships.
- **Is your mouth a weapon of destruction or a tool of construction?**
  - Ephesians 4:29

- Ephesians 5:4
- Matthew 12:36
- Proverbs 12:17

- **Proverbs 11:10**

- When we live like Jesus, our focus is not on ourselves but on God and on others. So, if a Christian happens to prosper, usually those around them and those in need will be taken care of and loved. People who put the needs of others before their own, are often loved and celebrated. However, a wicked who treats others like garbage, when they pass away many will be happy they are no longer around. Who are you?
  - 2 Kings 11:20
  - Proverbs 28:12
  - Proverbs 29:2