



*The Proverbs of
Solomon*

Righteousness vs Wickedness

Prv 11:20-31



Call to the Word

Psalm 119:73-80

Your hands have made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your
commandments.

Those who fear You will be glad when they see me,
Because I have hoped in Your word.

(Ps 119:73-74)



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I know, O LORD, that Your judgments *are* right,
And *that* in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort,
According to Your word to Your servant.

(Ps 119:75-76)



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Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;
For Your law *is* my delight.

Let the proud be ashamed, For they treated me
wrongfully with falsehood;

But I will meditate on Your precepts.

(Ps 119:77-78)



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Let those who fear You turn to me,
Those who know Your testimonies.
Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes,
That I may not be ashamed.

(Ps 119:79-80)



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introduction

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The foundational principle is that the right life is not merely a moral life, but the life that is lived toward God.

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Prv 11:9-19

*Contrasting
Righteousness and
Wickedness*

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Proverbs 11:20-31

Perverse: one who has turned aside from God and has a distorted view of what is right.

Prv 6:14 *...perverted hearts plot evil and constantly stir up trouble.*

Abomination: morally disgusting

The Blameless are His Delight



Join Forces: band together to resist God

Gen 11:1-9

Time, progress, government, and organization have made man better off, but not better in character.

Discretion: The word is literally 'taste'; this can mean physical taste, intellectual discretion or ethical judgment.

Ex: Abigail of 1Sam 25

The good character of a **righteous** man or woman is reflected in their desires.

They **desire** that which is good.

HOWEVER

The wicked can expect that which is due to them will come to them.

One who scatters: is one who shares of their own
material possessions...

2Co 9:6-13

There is one who withholds more than is right...

Mat 10:8 ...Freely you have received, freely give.

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Prv 11:24

“The soul of blessing - that man who is a blessing to others... will be made rich.”

We are never the loser for our God-guided generosity. Jesus told us that it is more blessed to give than to receive

*“God knows political economy, whether men do or not, and leaving the coarse machinery of police regulations, he puts the offender under a form of self-acting legislature which is far more efficient.”
(Spurgeon)*

God honors the one who **earnestly seeks good**, and that one may be blessed with **favor** with God and among men. This is especially true when the **good** sought is God Himself.

Deut 4:29

Proverbs teaches us the value of money and wealth but also teaches us to never trust in riches. To put trust in riches is to invite our own fall.

*“Riches were never true to any that trusted to them.”
(Trapp)*

**Example: Nabal, by selfishly hoarding his food and water for his own men, hung disaster over his household, but Abigail, by her wisdom, saved it .
(1Sam 25:17,33)**

Pro 11:31 if the righteous will be rewarded on the earth [*with godly blessings*], how much more [*will*] the wicked and the sinner [*be repaid with punishment*]!

- Or -

1Pe 4:18 and if it is difficult for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the godless and the sinner?

One of the greatest exercises of wisdom is to win souls to God and His kingdom.

“It is implied in our text that there are souls which need winning.” (Spurgeon)



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