

“Insights into Glorifying God in Every Detail of Life”

Proverbs 10:23-32

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1 Corinthians 10:31

(Titles of individual proverbs are taken from *The Wisdom of Proverbs* by Bob Beasley)

1. Delight in God’s Wisdom – 23

The believer understands about sin and doesn’t find sin amusing.

The fool loves pleasure but the wise person (the believer) also loves pleasure. But his pleasure is in God and he finds it in wisdom.

Instead of finding it in sin he finds it in what Paul listed in Philippians 4:8

2. Prepare to Meet God – 24-25

Hebrews 9:27

The “desire of the righteous” that is referred to here is to see God face to face (the very thing the non-believer dreads) – Matthew 5:8; 1 John 3:2; Psalm 16:11

Not only will the believer have their desire of seeing God in the future granted, but what they desire now will be granted because what they want is in line with what God wants for them. Their prayers according to God’s will, will be answered – Psalm 37:4; 145:19; 1 John 5:14-15

The best commentary on v. 25 is Jesus’ description of the wise and foolish builders – Matthew 7:24-27

The righteous may suffer the loss of home, health, money from accidents, diseases and disasters but they still have what counts – their house is built on the rock – Jesus Christ

3. Don’t Hire (or Be) a Sluggard – 26

The sluggard causes irritation and pain to his employer because of his slacking off in doing his job.

Ephesians 6:5-8

4. Fear the One Who Gives Life – 27

Verse 27 is a general promise (not an absolute promise). It's a general principle that righteous people will live longer than unrighteous people and the wicked will die younger than a righteous person.

“God, in His sovereignty, may achieve higher purposes by reversing this rule in particular situations, but that does not destroy the general pattern of His dealings with us.” John Kitchen

The way of righteousness produces length of life (v. 27), quality of life (v. 28), security for life (v. 29), and wisdom for life (vs. 31-32).

5. Make Your Joyous Hope Certain – 28

Faith involves trusting God in the present. Hope involves trusting God for what is to come.

6. Walk in the Strength of the Lord – 29-30

A stronghold is a place of refuge, a place of safety
Romans 8:28

Jesus promised to those who are trusting in Him, “the meek will inherit the earth” – Matthew 5:5

Every believer is promised John 10:28-29

7. Speak Wise and Appropriate Words – 31-32

As a tree naturally brings forth fruit, so wise words are a natural fruit of righteousness – Luke 6:43-45;
Colossians 3:16

“From the overflow of their twisted heart, flow twisted words that confuse, confound, and ultimately die. Their words do not live, they are cut off and thrust aside like the barren, dry branches of a tree whose day has come and gone.” John Kitchen

Psalm 19:14