

“Insights into Glorifying God in Every Detail of Life”  
Proverbs 11:10-19

Romans 12:9-13

1. Bless Your Community by Your Faithful Walk – 10-11

When the righteous (believers) are living God’s way, the people around them benefit.

- We are a light in a dark world – Philippians 2:14-15; Matthew 5:14
- We are salt in a decaying world – Matthew 5:13

Example of “when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness” – wicked queen Athaliah – 2 Kings 11:20

“By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted”: Seen in lower crime rate, ministry to addicts, ministry to the homeless, protection of women, etc.

But the most important blessing is the blessing of salvation

2. Respect the Dignity of Others – 12-13

God made us to enjoy people and wants to use us in each other’s lives

“A man of understanding remains silent”: rather gossip, slander, give false witness, boasting, quarreling  
Proverbs 10:12

The wise wait for the right time and place to speak

3. Get Advice from Many Sources – 14

People need to know how to steer a wise course through life. For this to happen they need an “abundance of counselors”

Our #1 counselor should be “the counsel of the Lord” – Psalm 33:11. Only He is the “Wonderful Counselor” – Isaiah 9:6

The Wonderful Counselor counsels through His Word

Our seeking an abundance of counselors begins with our spending time in God’s Word. Then we need to talk with people who have immersed themselves in the counsel of the Wonderful Counselor.

An example of the value of seeking the counsel of a group of godly counselors – Acts 15:1-35

4. Exercise Discernment in Loaning Money – 15

## 5. Seek the Wealth of a Good Name – 16

“Gracious woman”: A woman who exhibits the fruit of the Holy Spirit  
A “gracious woman” is described in Proverbs 31

“Honor”: “the children of the Proverbs 31 wife rise up and call her blessed and her husband also, and he praises her” – Proverbs 31:28

“violent men”: in contrast to the “gracious woman”

“riches”: to get the impact of this put “only” in before “riches”

Ruthless tactics may gain a person a measure of worldly wealth, but by the fruit of the Holy Spirit, one may achieve something far more lasting and valuable in the sight of others and of God.

## 6. Know that Actions Have Consequences – 17-19

“kind”: Hebrew word is “hesed” – steadfast love like God’s. It includes lovingkindness, mercy, goodness

“benefits himself”: he receives the blessing of God, eternal reward plus avoids the damage to the soul that anger, bitterness and hatred bring.

“cruel man”: one who is lacking all compassion, mercy and kindness

“deceptive wages”: He did deeds in the hope of securing lasting prosperity, etc. But he finds that his labor earned him destruction and death.

Illustrated in Luke 12:18-20

“sows righteousness”: think of a farmer sowing his seed – that’s how a righteous person lives his life – Galatians 6:7-10

“pursues evil”: picture of all people outside of Christ

Conclusion:

In light of Proverbs 11:10-19 ask yourself:

- Are my neighbors benefited by my presence in the neighborhood?
- Does what comes out of my mouth express contempt for others or kindness?
- When making a decision do I seek counsel from “The Wonderful Counselor”? From God’s Word? From people who have immersed themselves in the counsel of the Wonderful Counselor?
- Am I like the gracious woman who gets honor? Or am I like the violent man who gets only riches?
- Do I really believe actions have consequences?