

“Insights into Glorifying God in Every Detail of Life”

Proverbs 11:20-29

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The heart of the Book of Proverbs is 10:1-22:16 which is composed of 375 proverbs that are given to us by God.

The titles of the individual proverbs are adapted from *The Wisdom of Proverbs* by Bob Beasley.

1. Praise God for His Righteous Deliverance – 20-21

“Abomination to the Lord” – repugnant to God

“Those of blameless ways” – only possible by God’s grace

“Offspring” – occasionally the word is used to refer to the present generation

“Be delivered” – the generation of righteous people alive today can expect that God will deliver them from the judgment and domain of sin.

God will also deliver the righteous from anything God knows to be “bad” for us – Romans 8:28

2. Beauty Without Character is a Waste – 22

“Pig’s snout” – the gold ring is out of place. It can’t beautify a pig that spends its time in mud and garbage.

“Without discretion” – a woman who lacks moral judgment / a woman who is a fool / a woman without the inner beauty that godly character brings.

Proverbs 31:30

1 Peter 3:3-5

3. The Desires of the Righteous and the Wicked Have Very Different Outcomes – 23

“Desires of the righteous” – the person who has been made righteous by God has new desires

Matthew 6:33

“Only in good” – Romans 8:28

This is a promise from God to tuck away in your mind. There will come a time when you will need to remember this and cling to it.

#### 4. Be Generous – 24-26

“Gives freely” – generous to meet needs of others and generous to God’s work

“Grows all the richer” – because God blesses

“Will himself be watered” – God won’t be miserly to you – Luke 6:38

#### 5. You’ll Get What You Seek for Others – 27

“Seeks good” – in the sense of seeking to provide for the well-being of someone around you, your neighbor, person in church, etc.

Example: Jesus went about doing good – Acts 10:38

Doing good is part of the purpose God has us here for after our salvation rather than taking us to Heaven.

“Seeks favor” – the one who puts others first, is without realizing it, seeking his own good as well.

“Evil” – in sense of harm

#### 6. Be Secure in the Riches of Christ – 28

“Fall” – riches are like leaves in the fall of the year. After a brief life they fall to the ground.

“Flourish like a green leaf” – Psalm 1:3; Jeremiah 17:7-8

#### 7. Seek Harmony in Your Family – 29

“Troubles his own household” – might refer to the man of the house who is inept or lazy when it comes to managing the assets God has entrusted to him.

Or it might refer to a child who disobeys his parents and brings pain on the family

“Wind” – a storm will break over your life

Conclusion:

In the light of Proverbs 11:20-29 ask yourself:

- Do I praise God daily for His delivering me from the darkness of sin?
- If I’m a woman, do I seek outward or inner beauty? If I’m a single guy, do I make inner godliness the #1 quality I look for in a woman?
- Do I really believe that the desire of the righteous ends only in good and the desires of the wicked end in wrath?
- Am I generous in giving to those in need and to God’s work?
- Do I diligently seek the good of others?
- Do I trust in riches or do I trust in the Lord and thus experience flourishing like a green leaf?
- Do I seek harmony in my family?

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