

“Insights into Glorifying God in Every Detail of Life”
Proverbs 11:27-12:4

**Basic
Instruction
Before
Leaving
Earth**

Proverbs 10:1-22:16 is the heart of the Book of Proverbs

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

1. You’ll Get What You Seek for Others – 11:27

“Seeks good” – in the sense of seeking to being a blessing to someone around you
Example: Jesus went about doing good – Acts 10:38

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

“Evil” – in sense of harm

2. Be Secure in the Riches of Christ – 11:28

“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

3. Seek Harmony in Your Family – 11:29

“Troubles his own household” – happens when husband doesn’t follow God’s pattern laid out in Eph 5-6
Happens when wife doesn’t submit to her husband as to the Lord
Happens when children don’t obey their parents in the Lord and honor their father and mother

“Wind” – a storm will break over your life

4. Use Your Influence to Attract Others to Wisdom – 11:30

“Fruit of the righteous” – lives that are changed for the better because of the life of the righteous person

“Tree of Life” – 1st appears in the Bible in the Garden of Eden – Genesis 2:9

It appears again in Revelation 22:2, 14, 19 and it gives the promise of eternal life to those whose robes are washed in the blood of the lamb.

“Captures souls” – the Hebrew word translated “captures” can be translated “takes souls” or “attracts souls”.

Here the word can mean “the righteous saves others from eternal death”.

The one who is truly wise (a believer) uses all his means of influence to attract others to wisdom (salvation).

Jesus spoke of this as being “fishers of men” (ESV “you will be catching men”) – Luke 5:10 and being “the light of the world” – Matthew 5:14-16

5. Don’t Think You Can Get Away with Sin – 31

6. Have a Teachable Spirit – 12:1

“Discipline” – training and correction that is for our good

“Stupid” – isn’t thinking rationally

7. Praise God for the Goodness of His Favor – 12:2

8. Be Rooted in the Righteousness of Christ – 12:3

“Wickedness” – they are like the foolish man Jesus told about who built his house (life) on the sand. It looked secure but it lacked the foundation necessary to survive in the adversities of life.

“Never be moved” – a life rooted in Christ stands firm when the storms of life come.

9. Wives Honor Your Husbands – 12:4

Proverbs 31

Charles Bridges: “She isn’t the ring on her husband’s finger, or the chain of gold around his neck. Those are far too low. She is his crown: his brightest ornament – drawing the eye of all upon him, as eminently honored and blessed.”

“Rottenness in his bones” – the eating away of life and honor from the inside out – she is a cancer to her husband.

A woman contemplating marriage should pray and consider what she’s about to do. Will she be what God designed her to be – a helper to her husband or what Satan made her – a tempter to her husband?