

A Collection of Proverbs from Chapter 10

1. God hates dishonesty in business. Live out your faith even in your business [Proverbs 11:1](#) **A false**

balance *is* **abomination** to the Lord: But a just weight *is* his delight.

- a. God wanted His people to be honest in the weights that they used [Leviticus 19:35](#) **Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. ³⁶ Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: **I am the Lord** your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.**
- b. God hated cheating, taking advantage
- c. They should not try to **manipulate** the market [26](#) **He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: But blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth it.**

d. Integrity will guide you **3** The **integrity of the upright** shall guide them: But the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

i. The perverseness speaks of crookedness that will destroy him

ii. If you decide to walk in truth then the Holy Spirit will guide and direct you.

iii. Work at being sensitive to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God

e. It is really about giving not getting **24** *There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; And there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.* **25** The liberal soul shall be made fat: And **he that watereth shall be watered** also himself.

2. Knowing who you are will make you much happier **2**
When pride cometh, then cometh shame: But with the lowly is wisdom.

a. Pride is boiling up inside thinking of your importance

- i. It is hubris, overstepping your bounds
 - ii. Being insubordinate
 - iii. It is like naming yourself god
 - iv. Pride will cause you to be disgraced and embarrassed
 - v. Pride leads to deflated egos
- b. The lowly here are the humble
- i. Humility is to know your place
 - ii. Humility will lead you to wisdom
 - iii. Humility will help you continue to be a learner
 - iv. Humility will allow you to listen
- c. Remember the story of Nebuchadnezzar [Daniel 4:30](#)
The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that **I have built** for the house of the kingdom by **the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?** [31](#) While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell **a voice from heaven,** saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. [32](#) And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall*

*be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, **until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.***

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*. **34** And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar **lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting**

dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: ³⁵ And all the **inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing:** and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and **none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?** ³⁶ At the same time **my reason returned unto me;** and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. ³⁷ Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: **and those that walk in**

pride he is able to abase.

3. Wisdom is more important than wealth 4 **Riches**
profit not in the day of wrath: But righteousness delivereth from death.
- a. Money makes no difference before God
 - b. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus
 - c. Kindness is better than strength 16 **A gracious woman retaineth honour: And strong men retain riches.**
 - i. This woman who knows how to be gracious and kind can keep her honor
 - ii. Maybe **Abigail** is the best example of this
I Samuel 25
 - iii. Otherwise you are an embarrassment 22 **As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, So is a fair woman which is without discretion.**
 - d. Kindness does you more good than it does to others 17
The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: But he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

- e. Prospering might bring false confidence if you are not careful **28** He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: But the righteous shall flourish as a branch.
- i. Riches bring no guarantee **Luke 12:16** And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: **17** And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? **18** And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. **19** And **I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.** **20**
- But God said unto him, *Thou fool*, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? **21** **So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.**

ii. Uncertain at best I Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, **nor trust in uncertain riches**, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

4. Salvation, His righteousness, makes a difference in our lives 5 The **righteousness of the perfect** shall direct his way: But the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. 6 The **righteousness of the upright** shall deliver them: But transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness. 7 When a **wicked man dieth**, *his* expectation shall perish: And the hope of unjust *men* perisheth. 8 The **righteous** is

delivered out of trouble, And the wicked cometh in his stead.

- a. Being saved, a new creature, God in me and His Word show me the way to live and go
- b. His righteousness saves me
- c. If you are lost you have no hope now or then **23** The desire of the righteous *is* only good: *But* the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.
- d. God will take care of us that are His

5. Wisdom for our words

- a. It is the hypocrite that uses slander to hurt others **9** An **hypocrite** with **his mouth** destroyeth his neighbour: But through knowledge shall the just be delivered.
- b. The mouth of the wicked overthrows entire cities **11** By the **blessing of the upright** the city is exalted: But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

- c. If you aren't smart you talk bad about your neighbor
12 He that is **void of wisdom** despiseth his neighbour: But a man of understanding holdeth his peace.
- d. A gossip shares secrets 13 A **talebearer** revealeth secrets: But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.
- e. Wise people get good counsel 14 Where **no counsel** *is*, the people fall: But in the multitude of counsellors *there is safety*.
- f. Saying you will pay for someone else will cost you 15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart *for it*: And he that hateth suretiship is sure.
- g. Use your words to help others 30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; And he that winneth souls *is* wise.
6. Living life your way will not have good consequences
- a. People want to live around good people. They want good leadership 10 **When it goeth well with the**

righteous, the city rejoiceth: And when the wicked perish, *there is* shouting.

- b. You will basically get what you seek **18** The wicked worketh a deceitful work: But to him that soweth righteousness *shall be* a sure reward. **27** He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: But he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him. **31** Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: Much more the wicked and the sinner.
- c. Death and destruction are yours if you do not do right **19** As righteousness *tendeth* to life: So he that pursueth evil *pursueth it* to his own death.
- d. Froward **20** They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the Lord: But *such as are* upright in *their way are* his delight.
 - i. refers to a crooked or perverse heart
 - ii. That would be a heart that is going its own way
- e. Sin brings no protection no matter how many are with you **21** *Though hand join in hand,* the wicked shall not be unpunished: But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

- f. You will only destroy your future 29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: And the fool *shall be servant to the wise of heart.*