

Bible Study Guide: Proverbs 11

Title: “The Life That Lasts vs. The Life That Fades”

1. Author & Context

- **Author:** Solomon
- **Theme:** Righteousness vs. wickedness in everyday life
- **Focus:** Integrity, humility, generosity, and the long-term results of how we live

Context:

Proverbs 11 is a collection of **contrasts** showing that **the way you live today shapes your future tomorrow.**

2. Key Scripture (Written Out)

Proverbs 11:3

“The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.”

3. Chapter Breakdown & Teaching Points

Point 1: Integrity Guides Your Life (vv. 1–3)

Main Truth:

Integrity is your internal compass.

Key Idea:

- Honest living leads to direction
- Dishonesty leads to destruction

Example:

- “Dishonest scales” vs. “accurate weights”

Application:

- Be truthful in business, relationships, and decisions
- Live the same privately as you do publicly

Supporting Scripture:

- Luke 16:10

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much...”

Sticky Quote:

“Integrity will take you where talent cannot.”

Point 2: Righteousness Delivers—Wealth Does Not (vv. 4–8)

Main Truth:

Spiritual condition matters more than material success.

Key Insight:

- Riches cannot save you
- Righteousness protects and delivers

Contrast:

- The wicked fall
- The righteous are rescued

Application:

- Don't trust money—trust God
- Build your life on character, not possessions

Supporting Scripture:

- Matthew 6:19

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...”

Sticky Quote:

“Money can't save you—character can sustain you.”

Point 3: Your Words Have Power (vv. 9–13)**Main Truth:**

What you say can build or destroy.

Key Ideas:

- The godless destroy with their mouth
- The righteous bring deliverance through knowledge

Warnings:

- Gossip
- Betrayal
- Careless speech

Application:

- Speak life, not division
- Be trustworthy with what you hear

Supporting Scripture:

- Proverbs 18:21

“The tongue has the power of life and death...”

Sticky Quote:

“Your words are building something—make sure it’s not destruction.”

Point 4: Humility Leads to Wisdom (v. 2)

Main Truth:

Pride brings downfall—humility brings wisdom.

Key Insight:

- Pride blinds
- Humility teaches

Application:

- Stay teachable
- Don't let success create arrogance

Supporting Scripture:

- James 4:6

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

Sticky Quote:

“Pride pushes God away—humility draws Him near.”

Point 5: Generosity Brings Blessing (vv. 24–26)

Main Truth:

Giving leads to increase—selfishness leads to lack.

Key Insight:

- Those who refresh others will be refreshed
- Holding back leads to emptiness

Application:

- Be generous with:
 - Time
 - Resources
 - Encouragement

Supporting Scripture:

- 2 Corinthians 9:6

“Whoever sows generously will also reap generously...”

Sticky Quote:

“You don’t lose by giving—you grow.”

Point 6: The Life You Build Will Show (vv. 27–31)

Main Truth:

Your choices produce visible results.

Key Ideas:

- Seeking good brings favor
- Pursuing evil brings harm
- The righteous flourish like a tree

Application:

- Think long-term
- Your daily decisions shape your future

Supporting Scripture:

- Galatians 6:7

“A man reaps what he sows.”

Sticky Quote:

“The life you plant is the life you harvest.”

4. Major Themes

1. Integrity Matters

- It guides your life and builds trust

2. Righteousness Over Riches

- Spiritual health matters more than wealth

3. Words Carry Weight

- Speak life, not destruction

4. Humility Wins

- Pride leads to downfall

5. Generosity Multiplies

- Giving brings blessing

6. Choices Have Consequences

- What you do today shapes tomorrow
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5. Life Application

Reflection Questions

1. Am I living with integrity in every area of my life?
 2. Where am I trusting in money instead of God?
 3. Are my words building people up or tearing them down?
 4. Am I living generously or holding back?
 5. What kind of life am I planting right now?
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Action Steps

- **Choose honesty** in all situations
 - **Guard your speech** carefully
 - **Practice generosity daily**
 - **Stay humble and teachable**
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6. Teaching Outline (Quick Use)

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1. Integrity Guides Your Life
2. Righteousness Over Riches

3. Words Have Power
 4. Humility Leads to Wisdom
 5. Generosity Brings Blessing
 6. You Reap What You Sow
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7. Big Idea

“A life built on integrity, humility, and generosity leads to lasting blessing, while a life of selfishness and dishonesty leads to destruction.”