

Proverbs 11 – 22 October 2026

“Sowing And Reaping”

Introduction

- *The Book of Proverbs is broken into 5 sections
 - *Chap 1-9 (Solomon – the only long form)
 - *Chap 10-24 (Solomon – short form)
 - *Chap 25-29 (Solomon – compiled later by Hez)
 - *Chap 30 (Unknown man Agur)
 - *Chap 31 (Unknown King Lemuel)
 - *Chap 1:1-7, 31:10-31 (Unknown book compiler)

- *1st section (Chap 1-9) was entirely about wisdom
- *Chap 10 began the verse-by-verse short form help

Today, in chapter 11, much of the discussion is centered around “Sowing And Reaping”

- *There are natural and supernatural results that are directly related to how we conduct our lives
- *No outline today – just listen for the Lord to speak to you one verse at a time
- *Ask the Lord which individual verses you need to hold on to

Read 11:1

1. There are many forms of deceptive business
 - a. Stealing time by being late
 - b. Stealing small supplies one at a time
2. More than just neutral, God delight is honorable business dealings
 - a. Mostly b/c they're surrounded by evil dealings

Read 11:2-3

1. If pride is the greatest of sins' humility is the greatest of virtues
2. Takes humility to stay on God's path of integrity
 - a. On this path of integrity, God will exalt you in due time; but the crooked path leads to death

Read 11:4

1. At the end of a long game of Monopoly you're winning, you begin to feel powerful & smart
 - a. Then the game is over & you go back to real life, you realize that you're still broke
 - b. Earthy things can't help in the day of Yahweh

2. We all must prepare to face God's wrath
 - a. Can do it now by accepting Jesus' cross for God's wrath or you will pay in the end

Read 11:5-6

1. When the wicked fall it's b/c their *own* conduct brought them there
2. When the righteous succeed, it's b/c they obtain righteousness
 - a. Romans is a great read to understanding obtaining God's righteousness within us

Read 11:7-8

1. For the wicked, this world is the best they can hope for; for the righteous believer, we'll be rescued from even this world's troubles
 - a. Believers *do* have hope
2. God's promises are to be held in bad trouble

Read 11:9

1. Do your words lead others toward sin or Jesus

- a. Down to the smallest ways we can judge ourselves
2. What knowledge do we need to be rescued?
 - a. Read Matt 11:28-30 – Learn of me

Read 11:10-11

1. We want rulers that allow the righteous to prosper (I Tim 2:1-2)
 - a. 6 times in Proverbs this thought is given
2. What a privilege that we have a choice of what leaders we install to rule our government – use it

Read 11:12

1. You don't have to talk about everything your neighbor does wrong or different than you
2. You have to live right next to them – so just keep silent or you may make it worse

Read 11:13

1. Are you tempted to spread other people's business the moment you find it out

- a. It may be something they did wrong
 - b. It may be their misfortune
 - c. It may simply be their business & not yours
2. Can people trust you when they open up or when they're vulnerable around you?

Read 11:14

1. This is the Mossad's motto & on their emblem
2. We must have & use God's wisdom to "steer" our life toward victory
 - a. Are we surrounding ourselves with counselors that can steer us with God's Word?

Read 11:15

1. Dealt w/ this in Prov 6:1-5, don't lend, but give
2. A stranger has no infinity to you to pay back

Read 11:16

1. A kind person attains honor, but all a forceful person attains in this world's temporary wealth
2. What are you living for?

Read 11:17

1. The way you treat others will come back to you
2. Whatever you sow, you'll also reap

Read 11:18-19

1. The wicked thinks their path leads to goodness but it's the righteous that will acquire it
2. You may think this is obvious, but to many the very definition of good & bad is the question

Read 11:20-21

1. Our decisions have an effect on the Lord whether joy or abhorrence
2. The Lord will return to us what we deserve

Read 11:22

1. Beauty given to an ungodly woman is wasted & doesn't fit right, like Jezebel (Read I Pet 3:3-4)
2. If you're a young men & see a beautiful woman that's ungodly, just think, 'what a waste'

Read 11:23

1. We will receive what is appropriate to our specific life
2. Notice that the results of our life are driven by our heart condition

Read 11:24-26

1. Our lifestyle & character has a great impact on our income (Read Luke 6:38)
2. Giving stirs others to give to you; ***not*** giving stirs others to ***not*** give to you
3. Which is your character built on...
 - a. Condemnation and burning bridges
 - b. Or forgiveness and building bridges

Read 11:27

1. No one doubts this verse; what some doubt is the definitions of good & evil
2. Makes it crucial to have proper definitions

Read 11:28

1. Which one is more valuable; money or godly character? It's character
2. Notice again, riches aren't the problem, it's trusting in them

Read 11:29

1. The man Lot may have been called a righteous man, but he was also a fool
 - a. He brought trouble upon his own house by moving them into the effects of Sodom
2. Then Lot's descendants, Moab & Ammon, all became slaves to the Israelites & Babylonians

Read 11:30

1. Like a tree, the righteous can bring shade & sustenance to others
2. We've been called to be fishers of men – to take souls
 - a. Read Dan 12:3

Read 11:31

1. Receiving a reward for doing right doesn't always happen in all circumstances, but receiving correction for doing evil certainly does
2. Correction is always much more assured than reward

Conclusion

1. So, do not be deceived, whatever you sow, you will reap
 - a. What are you sowing into your family?
 - b. What are you sowing into your friends?
 - c. What are you sowing into your body?
 - d. What are you sowing into your mind?
2. Just as with the agricultural cycle, let the righteous wait patiently for the harvest of the Lord
 - a. Jam 5:7-8 "Therefore be patient, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the soil, being patient about it, until it receives the early & late rains. You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."