

# GET SMART

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## Get Smart with Righteousness

*Proverbs 13:6 (MSG) A God-loyal life keeps you on track; sin dumps the wicked in the ditch.*

### Reasons Why Righteousness Is Smart

Righteousness protects me **and my family from painful falls.**

*Prov. 10:9 (NLT) People with integrity have firm footing, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall.*

*Proverbs 11:6 (NLT) The godliness of good people rescues them; the ambition of treacherous people traps them.*

*Proverbs 28:1 (Msg) The wicked are edgy with guilt, ready to run off even when no one's after them; Honest people are relaxed and confident, bold as lions.*

Righteousness helps me **to survive the storms of life.**

*Prov. 10:25 (NIV) When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever.*

*Prov. 24:16 (NIV) for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity.*

Righteousness guides me **to make good decisions.**

*Prov. 11:3,5 (NIV) The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. The righteousness of the blameless makes a straight way for them, but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness.*

Righteousness increases my **sphere of influence**.

*Prov. 20:7 NCV Good people who live honest lives will be a blessing to their children.*

*Prov. 22:1 (NLT) Choose a good reputation over great riches, for being held in high esteem is better than having silver or gold. .*

*Prov. 11:11 (LB) The good influence of godly citizens causes a city to prosper, but the moral decay of the wicked drives it downhill.*

**Additional Study on Righteousness:**

Monday I Peter 3:16 and Proverbs 12:22  
Tuesday 2 Corinthians 8:21 and Proverbs 21:3  
Wednesday Hebrews 13:18 and Proverbs 4:25-27  
Thursday Luke 6:31 and Proverbs 21:21  
Friday Philippians 4:8 and Psalms 41:11-12



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