



Proverbs – Wisdom for Today

Proverbs 11

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Proverbs 11 is a study of opposites. Tonight, we are going to focus on the righteous vs the wicked and good vs bad investments. We are going to look into the mind of God and get practical wisdom for leading a victorious Christian life.

- Definitions (Webster's 1828 dictionary):
 - **righteous** = Just; One who is holy in heart, and observant of the divine commands in practice; as a righteous man. The righteous in Scripture, denote the servants of God, the _____.
 - **righteousness** = Purity of heart and rectitude of life; conformity of heart and life to the divine law.
 - **wicked** = _____ in principle or practice; deviating from the divine law; addicted to vice; sinful; immoral.
- Righteous(ness) - **v. 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 18, 19, 21, 23, 28, 30, 31**
 - Standing vs state – Our standing is how God sees us (the finished product), but our state is how we are right now.
 - State – Isa. 64:6; Rom. 6:12-13; 7:14-8:2; Gal. 2:20.
 - Standing – John 1:12; Phil. 3:9; Col. 2:10; 1 John 3:2; Song of Solomon
 - **Delivered** (v. 4, 6, 8, 21) – From death – Prov. 12:28; Rom. 5:17; Rev. 20:6; 21:8. Set at liberty to live a life pleasing to God – Rom. 8:2; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:1, 13. Out of trouble – Joseph, Daniel. Physical and spiritual seed – Ps. 127:3-4; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4; Acts 26:18.
 - **Direction** (v. 5) – Ps. 119:105; Prov. 6:23; 2 Peter 1:19; Ps. 18:28
 - **Desire good** (v. 23) – Ps. 37:4; 119:10; 1 Pet. 2:2; Phil. 4:17
 - **Flourish** (v. 28) – 2 Cor. 6:10; 8:9; Ps. 92:12-14; 1:3; Jer. 17:8
 - **Fruit** (v. 30-31) – Prov. 15:4; Gal. 5:22; Rom. 6:22
- Wicked(ness) - **v. 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 18, 21, 23**
 - **Perish** (v. 7, 10) – Job 8:11-15; Ps. 112:10
 - **Deceitful work** (v. 18) – Gal. 5:19-22; 2 Cor. 11:13-15
 - **Not unpunished** (v. 21) – Prov. 16:5; Rom. 1:21-25, 32; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; Rev. 19:11-21; 20:7-15
 - **Wrath** (v. 23) – Ps. 2:12; John 3:36; Rom. 2:5
- Bad investments – **v. 1, 4, 15, 24-26, 28**
 - **False balance** (v. 1) – Cheating, lying, and/or stealing (big or little things) to get what you want. This can apply to anything in your life that is “out of balance” and keeps you from God – Prov. 15:9; Ps. 1:1; Amos 8:5-7; Luke 16:15.
 - **Trusting in riches** (v. 4) – Luke 12:16-21. The _____ of money is the root of all evil – 1 Tim. 6:10.
 - **Withholding/hoarding** (v. 24, 26) – Mark 10:17-22 vs Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 8:1-2; Prov. 3:9-10.

- **Good investments – v. 14, 18, 30, 3**

- **Multitude of counsellors** (v. 14) – The Word of God (____ counsellors) - 2 Tim. 2:15; Ps. 119:24; 1 Kings 12:1-14 (Rehoboam); 1 Kings 22 (Josiah); Prov. 12:20; 15:22; 24:6
- **Souls of men** (v. 30-31) – sowing seed – v. 18, 24; Matt. 13:3-9; Ps. 126:6. Sowing and reaping – v. 24; Gal. 6:8-10; 2 Cor. 9:6; Hos. 10:12. Wisdom – v. 30; James 1:5; 3:13-18. Rewards – v. 18, 31; 1 Thess. 2:19; 1 Cor. 3:12-15; Heb. 11:6; Eph. 2:7.

If you are saved, you are in “good standing” with God; you are eternally secure in Him. But how is your “state,” your daily walk with the Lord? Be honest with yourself, is your state more with the righteous (a Spirit filled, Spirit led life), or more with the wicked (a carnal, self-centered life)? Are you walking more in the flesh or in the spirit?

In your life, what are you investing in, temporal things, or eternal things? Bad investments (worldly things) lead to poor results; good investments (spiritual and eternal things) like the Word of God and the souls of men lead to great results that glorify God. What are you investing in?

The Bible says that our lives are but a vapor here on Earth, here today and gone tomorrow. We need to live with a sense of urgency and purpose. We need to focus on doing what’s right, no matter what the cost. If you haven’t been making good investments, today is a great day to purpose in your heart to start.