

## **Outline of Proverbs 11**

### **I. Integrity vs. Deceit (v.1–3)**

- v.1 – Honest dealings delight God; dishonesty does not
- v.2 – Pride leads to disgrace; humility leads to wisdom
- v.3 – Integrity guides; crookedness destroys

- Character determines direction and outcome

### **II. Righteousness vs. Wickedness (v.4–8)**

- v.4 – Wealth cannot save in the day of wrath
- v.5–6 – Righteousness delivers, wickedness traps
- v.7 – Hope of the wicked perishes at death
- v.8 – The righteous are delivered from trouble

- Righteousness has eternal value; wickedness is ultimately empty

### **III. Words and Their Power (v.9–13)**

- v.9 – The hypocrite destroys with words
- v.10–11 – The righteous bless a city; the wicked tear it down
- v.12 – Wisdom restrains speech
- v.13 – A faithful person keeps confidence

- Words can either build up or destroy lives and communities

### **IV. Wisdom in Guidance and Counsel (v.14–15)**

- v.14 – Safety comes through wise counsel
- v.15 – Avoid foolish financial commitments (surety)

- Wise decisions require godly counsel and discernment

### **V. Generosity vs. Selfishness (v.16–18)**

- v.16 – Graciousness brings honor
- v.17 – Mercy benefits oneself; cruelty harms oneself
- v.18 – The wicked earn deceptive wages; righteousness brings true reward

- What you give—good or evil—returns to you

#### **VI. The Law of Sowing and Reaping (v.19–21)**

- **v.19** – Righteousness leads to life, evil leads to death
- **v.20** – God delights in the blameless
- **v.21** – The wicked will not go unpunished

- God ensures justice—no one escapes His moral order

#### **VII. True Beauty and Discretion (v.22)**

- **v.22** – Beauty without discretion is like a pig with a gold ring

- Outward beauty without inner wisdom is worthless

#### **VIII. Desires and Outcomes (v.23–26)**

- **v.23** – The righteous desire good; the wicked expect wrath
- **v.24–25** – Generosity leads to increase, withholding leads to poverty
- **v.26** – Hoarding brings a curse; sharing brings blessing

- A generous life is a fruitful life

#### **IX. Trust, Pride, and Stability (v.27–29)**

- **v.27** – Seeking good brings favor
- **v.28** – Trusting riches leads to downfall
- **v.29** – Foolishness ruins households

- What you trust in determines your stability

#### **X. The Fruit of Righteous Living (v.30–31)**

- **v.30** – The righteous bear life-giving fruit
- **v.30b** – Winning souls is wise
- **v.31** – The righteous are rewarded—how much more the wicked

- A righteous life impacts others and carries eternal reward

**\*Summary of Proverbs 11: God contrasts two paths: the way of righteousness (life, blessing, influence) and the way of wickedness (destruction, emptiness, judgment).**