

Proverbs 10

Title: “Two Ways to Live: Wisdom in Everyday Life”

I. Character — Who You Are (Proverbs 10:1–7)

Theme: Inner character produces visible outcomes

Key Contrasts:

- Wise son vs. foolish son (v.1)
- Righteous vs. wicked (vv.2–3)
- Diligent vs. lazy (vv.4–5)
- Blessed memory vs. rotting name (v.7)

Main Points: Character is revealed in:

-Family relationships -Work ethic -Moral choices

- Righteousness has **eternal value**, while wickedness is temporary
- Your life creates a **legacy that outlives you**

II. Conduct — How You Live (Proverbs 10:8–17)

Theme: Daily decisions shape your direction

Key Contrasts:

- Obedient vs. stubborn (v.8)
- Integrity vs. crooked paths (v.9)
- Love vs. strife (v.12)
- Wise discipline vs. rejected correction (v.17)

Main Points:

- Wisdom is not just knowledge; it is **applied obedience**
- Integrity produces **security and stability**
- Correction is not punishment, it is a **pathway to life**

III. Communication — What You Say (**Proverbs 10:18–21, 31–32**)

Theme: Words reveal and shape the heart

Key Contrasts:

- Truth vs. hidden hatred (v.18)
- Many words vs. restrained speech (v.19)
- Righteous lips vs. corrupt speech (vv.20–21, 31–32)

Main Points:

- Words are: A **fountain of life** or A **source of destruction** (v.11)
- Wisdom includes knowing:
 - What to say - When to say it - When to stay silent
- The righteous use words to **feed and build others**

IV. Consequences — What You Receive (**Proverbs 10:22–32**)

Theme: Every path leads to a destination

Key Contrasts:

- God's blessing vs. empty gain (v.22)
- Righteous desires fulfilled vs. wicked fears realized (v.24)
- Lasting foundation vs. destruction (v.25)
- Stability vs. removal (vv.29–30)

Main Points:

- Outcomes are not random; they are **connected to choices**
- The righteous have: -Stability -Joy -Endurance
- The wicked experience: -Instability -Fear -Ultimate loss
- The “fear of the Lord” produces **lasting life and security**