

Do You Want To Be Wise Or Foolish?

Proverbs 10

You are who you want to be

A. Determines Our Legacy (10:1)

B. Demonstrated In Our Diligence (10:2-5)

1. In the treasures we work for

Matthew 12:35

2. In the effort we exert for these treasures

Matthew 6:20-21

3. True treasures are hid in Christ

Colossians 2:3, 1 Corinthians 2:10

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C. Demonstrated In Our Direction (10:6-10)

Colossians 4:5

D. Demonstrated In Our Practices (10:11-21)

1. In speech (10:11-13)

2. In attitude (10:14-15)

3. In life (10:16-21)

E. Demonstrated In Our Results (10:22-26)

F. Demonstrated In Our Outlook (10:27-32)

Ecclesiastes 8:1

Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

It's Your Choice

Proverbs 11

Our choices define us

I. To Be True or False (11:1-6)

A. In Dealings (11:1)

Proverbs 11:1

A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.

B. In Demeanor (11:2)

Proverbs 11:2

When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

C. In Direction (11:3)

Proverbs 11:3

The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

I. To Be True or False (11:1-6)

D. In Deliverance (11:4-6)

Proverbs 11:4-6

4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.

Example: Rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16)

II. To Be Life Or Death (11:7-13)

A. In Hope (11:7-9)

Proverbs 11:7-9

7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth.

8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

9 An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

Example: Haman

II. To Be Life Or Death (11:7-13)

B. In Blessing (11:10-11)

Proverbs 11:10-11

10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

Our impact goes beyond ourselves

II. To Be Life Or Death (11:7-13)

C. In Civility (11:12-13)

Proverbs 11:12-13

**12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour:
but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.**

**13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a
faithful spirit concealeth the matter.**

Let our actions be stronger than our words

III. To Have Good or Bad (11:14-21))

A. Decisions (11:14-15)

Proverbs 11:14-15

14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it: and he that hateth suretiship is sure.

We all need good advice

III. To Have Good or Bad (11:14-21))

B. Testimony (11:16-18)

Proverbs 11:16-18

16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.

17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.

Example: Ruth

III. To Have Good or Bad (11:14-21))

C. Pursuits (11:19-21)

Proverbs 11:19-21

19 As righteousness tendeth to life: so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death.

20 They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.

21 Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

Will I please or displease God at judgment time?

IV. To Be Consistent or Inconsistent (11:22-31)

A. In Perception (by others) (11:22)

Proverbs 11:22

As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.

B. In Perspective (by desires) (11:23)

Proverbs 11:23

The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

IV. To Be Consistent or Inconsistent (11:22-31)

2 Corinthians 9:6

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

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C. In Practices (11:24-27)

Proverbs 11:24-27)

24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

IV. To Be Consistent or Inconsistent (11:22-31)

D. In Prospects (11:28-31)

Proverbs 11:28-31

28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

What Choices Are You Making?

1 Peter 1:15

**But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in
all manner of conversation;**