

The Book of Proverbs

Chapter 11

The Value of Righteousness

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Proverbs 11:1

(Pro 11:1 ISV) ¶ The LORD hates false scales, but he delights in accurate weights.*

(Pro 11:1 KJV+) A false^{H4820} balance^{H3976} is abomination^{H8441} to the LORD:^{H3068} but a just^{H8003} weight^{H68} is his delight.^{H7522}

(Pro 11:1 NASB) A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.

(Pro 11:1 NIV) The LORD abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are his delight.

[false balance] One faulty in construction.

[just weight] Literally, perfect stone.

Early weights were made of stone (*Deut 25:13-15*).

This proverb is repeated three times (*Prov 16:11; 20:10,23; cp. Lev 19:36; Deut 25:13-15; Mic 6:11*).

There was a royal standard of weights (*2 Sam 14:26*).

20 Things That Are an Abomination to God (Prov 3:32)

1. The froward man. Hebrew: luwz (OT:3868), perverse; one who turns aside (*Prov 3:32; 11:20*)
2. A proud look (*Prov 6:16-17*)
3. A lying tongue (*Prov 6:17; 12:22*)
4. Hands that shed innocent blood (*Prov 6:17*)
5. A wicked scheming heart (*Prov 6:18*)
6. Feet quick to sin (*Prov 6:18*)
7. A false witness that speaks lies (*Prov 6:19*)
8. A sower of discord (*Prov 6:19*)
9. Wickedness (*Prov 8:7*)
10. A false balance (scale, *Prov 11:1*)
11. Sacrifice of the wicked (*Prov 15:8; 21:27*)
12. The way of the wicked (*Prov 15:9*)
13. The thoughts of the wicked (*Prov 15:26*)
14. The proud of heart (*Prov 16:5*)
15. Justifying the wicked (*Prov 17:15*)
16. Condemning the just (*Prov 17:15*)
17. Diverse weights (*Prov 20:10,23*)
18. Diverse measures (*Prov 20:10*)
19. Refusing to hear the law (*Prov 28:9*)
20. Prayer of the rebel (*Prov 28:9*)

Proverbs 11:2

(Pro 11:2 ISV) ¶ When pride appears, disgrace accompanies it, but humility is present with wisdom.*

(Pro 11:2 KJV+) When pride^{H2087} cometh,^{H935} then cometh^{H935} shame:^{H7036} but with^{H854} the lowly^{H6800} is wisdom.^{H2451}

(Pro 11:2 NASB) When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom.

(Pro 11:2 NIV) When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

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*(Pro 11:2 NASB) When pride comes, then comes dishonor,
But with the humble is wisdom.*

Six examples of shame through pride:

1. Lucifer (*Isa 14:12-14; Ezek 28:11-17*)
2. Miriam (*Num 12:10*)
3. Uzziah (*2 Chron 26:16-21*)
4. Nebuchadnezzar (*Dan 4:30*)
5. Moab (*Zeph 2:8-10*)
6. Ninevah (*Zeph 2:15*)

Four examples of wisdom to the lowly:

1. Joseph (*Gen 41:16,38-39*)
2. Solomon (*1 Kings 3:5-13*)
3. Daniel (*Dan 2:20-21*)
4. Jesus Christ (*Luke 2:40,52; Isa 11:1*)

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Proverbs 11:3

*(Pro 11:3 NASB) The integrity of the upright will guide them,
But the crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them.*

Three examples of guiding integrity:

1. Joseph (*Gen 39:4,22-23; 50:25*)
2. Jesus Christ (*Luke 2:40,52; 1 Peter 2:21*)
3. Paul (*Gal 2:20*)

Seven examples of perverseness:

1. Israel (*Deut 1:43-44*)
2. Balaam (*Num 22:32; 31:8*)
3. Hophni and Phinehas (*1 Sam 2:25; 4:11*)
4. Saul (*1 Sam 15:23*)
5. Absalom (*2 Sam 15:3-6*)
6. Ahithophel (*2 Sam 17:1-23*)
7. Ahab (*1 Kings 21:25-26; 22:34-37*)

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(Pro 11:3 ISV) ¶ The integrity of the righteous guides them,
but the hypocrisy of the treacherous destroys them.*

*(Pro 11:3 KJV+) The integrity^{H8538} of the upright^{H3477} shall guide^{H5148} them:
but the perverseness^{H5558} of transgressors^{H898} shall destroy^{H7703} them.*

*(Pro 11:3 NASB) The integrity of the upright will guide them,
But the crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them.*

*(Pro 11:3 NIV) The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.*

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*(Pro 11:3 NASB) The integrity of the upright will guide them,
But the crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them.*

[transgressors] Hebrew: **bagad** (OT:898), traitors; faithless to covenant.

Translated:

"transgress" (*1 Sam 14:33; Ps 25:3; Hab 2:5*);
"transgressor" (*Prov 2:22; 11:3,6; 13:2,15; 21:8; 22:12; 23:28; Ps 59:5; 119:158*);
"treacherous" (*Isa 21:2; 24:16; Jer 3:8,11; 9:2*);
"treacherously" (*Judg 9:23; Isa 21:2; 24:16; 33:1; 48:8; Jer 3:20; 5:11; 12:1,6; Lam 1:2; Hos 5:7; 6:7; Hab 1:13; Mal 2:10-16*);
"deceitfully" (*Ex 21:8; Job 6:15*); and
"unfaithful" (*Ps 78:57; Prov 25:19*).

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Proverbs 11:4

(Pro 11:4 ISV*) ¶ Wealth won't help in the time of judgment, [Lit. the day of wrath] but righteousness will deliver from death.

(Pro 11:4 KJV+) Riches^{H1952} profit^{H3276} not^{H3808} in the day^{H3117} of wrath.^{H5678} but righteousness^{H6666} delivereth^{H5337} from death.^{H4480 H4194}

(Pro 11:4 NASB) Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.

(Pro 11:4 NIV) Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Riches do wonders among men, but with God they purchase nothing.

No sin profits in the day of wrath, but righteousness rescues from hell.

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Proverbs 11:5

(Pro 11:5 ISV*) ¶ The righteousness of the innocent creates a level path, but the wicked fall by their wickedness.

(Pro 11:5 KJV+) The righteousness^{H6666} of the perfect^{H8549} shall direct^{H3474} his way.^{H1870} but the wicked^{H7563} shall fall^{H5307} by his own wickedness.^{H7564}

(Pro 11:5 NASB) The righteousness of the blameless will smooth his way, But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.

(Pro 11:5 NIV) The righteousness of the blameless makes a straight way for them, but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness.

The righteousness of the blameless man will enable his path to be always light so that he may

See his way, but the lawlessness of the wicked will be full of stumblingblocks.

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Proverbs 11:6

(Pro 11:6 ISV*) ¶ The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the treacherous are trapped by their evil desires.

(Pro 11:6 KJV+) The righteousness^{H6666} of the upright^{H3477} shall deliver^{H5337} them: but transgressors^{H898} shall be taken^{H3920} in their own naughtiness.^{H1942}

(Pro 11:6 NASB) The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, But the treacherous will be caught by their own greed.

(Pro 11:6 NIV) The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the unfaithful are trapped by evil desires.

The righteousness of the upright man shall deliver him from condemnation and eternal judgment, but sins of the wicked will bring them to judgment.

[naughtiness] See note, **Prov 6:12.**

Proverbs 11:7

(Pro 11:7 ISV*) ¶ When a wicked person dies, his hope vanishes; [So MT; LXX reads When a righteous man dies, his hope does not perish]

and what he [So MT; LXX reads what the ungodly] expected from his scheming comes to nothing.

(Pro 11:7 KJV+) When a wicked^{H7563} man^{H120} dieth,^{H4194} his expectation^{H8615} shall perish.^{H6} and the hope^{H8431} of unjust^{H205} men perisheth.^{H6}

(Pro 11:7 NASB) When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, And the hope of strong men perishes.

(Pro 11:7 NIV) When a wicked man dies, his hope perishes; all he expected from his power comes to nothing.

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Proverbs 11:7

*(Pro 11:7 NASB) When a wicked man dies,
his expectation will perish,
And the hope of strong men perishes.*

[hope of unjust men perisheth] The wicked hope to be saved and have many things the righteous enjoy, but their hope will perish because they refuse to turn to God.

Three examples of perishing hope:

1. Balaam's (*Num 23:10; 31:8*)
2. Absalom's (*2 Sam 18*)
3. The rich fool's (*Luke 12:16-21*)

Proverbs 11:9

(Pro 11:9 ISV) ¶ By what he says, the godless person can
destroy his neighbor,
but through knowledge the righteous escape.*

*(Pro 11:9 KJV+) An hypocrite^{H2611} with his mouth^{H6310}
destroyeth^{H7843} his neighbour:^{H7453}
but through knowledge^{H1847} shall the just^{H6662} be
delivered.^{H2502}*

*(Pro 11:9 NASB) With his mouth the godless man destroys his
neighbor,
But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.*

*(Pro 11:9 NIV) With his mouth the godless destroys his
neighbor,
but through knowledge the righteous escape.*

[hypocrite] Hebrew: **chaneph** (OT:2611), infidel, godless, profane — worse than the modern understanding of hypocrite.

Proverbs 11:8

(Pro 11:8 ISV) ¶ The righteous person is delivered from
trouble;
it comes upon the wicked instead.*

*(Pro 11:8 KJV+) The righteous^{H6662} is delivered^{H2502} out of
trouble,^{H4480 H6869}
and the wicked^{H7563} cometh^{H935} in his stead.^{H8478}*

*(Pro 11:8 NASB) The righteous is delivered from trouble,
But the wicked takes his place.*

*(Pro 11:8 NIV) The righteous man is rescued from trouble,
and it comes on the wicked instead.*

Three examples of the righteous delivered and the wicked perishing in their place:

1. Mordecai and Haman (*Est 7:9-10*)
2. Daniel and accusers (*Dan 6*)
3. Israel and Egyptians (*Ex 14*)

Proverbs 11:10

(Pro 11:10 ISV) ¶ The city rejoices when the righteous
prosper,
and when the wicked perish there is jubilation.*

*(Pro 11:10 KJV+) When it goeth well^{H2898} with the
righteous,^{H6662} the city^{H7151} rejoiceth:^{H5970}
and when the wicked^{H7563} perish,^{H6} there is
shouting.^{H7440}*

*(Pro 11:10 NASB) When it goes well with the righteous,
the city rejoices,
And when the wicked perish, there is joyful shouting.*

*(Pro 11:10 NIV) When the righteous prosper, the city
rejoices;
when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy.*

Proverbs 11:10

(Pro 11:10 NASB) *When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
And when the wicked perish, there is joyful shouting.*

[When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth]

The righteous are respected and honored for their examples, prayers, and great blessings to a city that rejoices in their prosperity, but when the wicked perish who have been a curse to a community there is no regret.

Three examples of joy in the righteous:

1. Hezekiah (**2 Chron 29:3-36; 30:26**)
2. Nehemiah (**Neh 2; 6:15; 8:17**)
3. Mordecai (**Est 8:15-16**)

Three examples of the wicked perishing:

1. Pharaoh (**Ex 15**)
2. Sisera (**Judg 5**)
3. Athaliah (**2 Kings 11:20**)

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Proverbs 11:11

(Pro 11:11 ISV*) ¶ *Through the blessing of the righteous a city is built up,
but what the wicked say tears it down.*

(Pro 11:11 KJV+) *By the blessing^{H1293} of the upright^{H3477} the city^{H7176} is exalted:^{H7311}
but it is overthrown^{H2040} by the mouth^{H6310} of the wicked.^{H7563}*

(Pro 11:11 NASB) *By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
But by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down.*

(Pro 11:11 NIV) *Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed.*

A city rejoices in the blessing of the righteous because it is exalted and honored by their good deeds, but the wicked help destroy it.

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Proverbs 11:12

(Pro 11:12 ISV*) ¶ *Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,
but the discerning man controls his comments.*

(Pro 11:12 KJV+) *He that is void^{H2638} of wisdom^{H3820} despiseth^{H936} his neighbour:^{H7453}
but a man^{H376} of understanding^{H8394} holdeth his peace.^{H2790}*

(Pro 11:12 NASB) *He who despises his neighbor lacks sense,
But a man of understanding keeps silent.*

(Pro 11:12 NIV) *A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor,
but a man of understanding holds his tongue.*

A man without sense reproaches his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his peace and keeps his mouth.

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Proverbs 11:13

(Pro 11:13 ISV*) ¶ *Whoever spreads gossip betrays secrets,
but the trustworthy person [Lit. trustworthy in spirit] keeps a confidence.*

(Pro 11:13 KJV+) *A talebearer^{H1980 H7400} revealeth^{H1540} secrets:^{H5475}
but he that is of a faithful^{H539} spirit^{H7307} concealeth^{H3680} the matter.^{H1697}*

(Pro 11:13 NASB) *He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets,
But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.*

(Pro 11:13 NIV) *A gossip betrays a confidence,
but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.*

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(Pro 11:13 NASB) *He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets,
But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.*

[talebearer] Hebrew: **halak** (OT:1980)

rakiyl (OT:7400), a walking busybody; a peddler in scandal (cp. Lev 19:16; James 1:26).

He reveals whatever is confided to him.

He will even reveal his own secrets rather than have nothing to say.

Doeg is a good example of talebearing (**1 Sam 21:7; 22:9-10; Ps 52:2**)

Proverbs 11:14

(Pro 11:14 NASB) *Where there is no guidance the people fall,
But in abundance of counselors there is victory.*

[counsel] Hebrew: **tachbulah** (OT:8458), helmsman; guide; counsel.

Translated counsel (**Prov 11:14; 1:5; 12:5; 24:6; Job 37:12**); and advice (**Prov 20:18**).

[but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety]
Safety, providing they are really counselors (**Prov 15:22; 24:6**).

Proverbs 11:14

(Pro 11:14 ISV*) ¶ *A nation falls through a lack of guidance,
but victory comes through the counsel of many. [Or
through much planning]*

(Pro 11:14 KJV+) *Where no^{H369} counsel^{H8458} is, the people^{H5971} fall:^{H5307}
but in the multitude^{H7230} of counsellors^{H3289} there is safety.^{H8668}*

(Pro 11:14 NASB) *Where there is no guidance the people fall,
But in abundance of counselors there is victory.*

(Pro 11:14 NIV) *For lack of guidance a nation falls,
but many advisers make victory sure.*

Proverbs 11:15

(Pro 11:15 ISV*) ¶ *Securing a loan for a stranger will bring suffering,
but by refusing to do so, one remains safe.*

(Pro 11:15 KJV+) *He that is surety^{H6148} for a stranger^{H2114} shall smart^{H7451 H7489} for it:
and he that hateth^{H8130} suretiship^{H8628} is sure.^{H982}*

(Pro 11:15 NASB) *He who is guarantor for a stranger will surely suffer for it,
But he who hates being a guarantor is secure.*

(Pro 11:15 NIV) *He who puts up security for another will surely suffer,
but whoever refuses to strike hands in pledge is safe.*

[surety] See note, **Prov 6:1**.

Proverbs 11:16

(Pro 11:16 ISV*) ¶ A gracious woman attains honor, [So MT; LXX reads honor for her husband]

but [So MT; LXX reads but a seat of dishonor is for the woman who hates justice]

ruthless men attain [So MT; LXX reads justice. The deficient shrink from wealth, but the diligent support themselves with] **wealth.**

(Pro 11:16 KJV+) A gracious^{H2580} woman^{H802} retaineth^{H8551} honour:^{H3519}

and strong^{H6184} men retain^{H8551} riches.^{H6239}

**(Pro 11:16 NASB) A gracious woman attains honor,
And ruthless men attain riches.**

**(Pro 11:16 NIV) A kindhearted woman gains respect,
but ruthless men gain only wealth.**

[gracious] Hebrew: **chen** (OT:2580), grace; favor (**Prov 11:16; Eccl 10:12**).

Translated "grace" 38 times (**Gen 6:8; 19:19; 32:5; Ps 84:11; etc.**).

[strong men] The diligent, as in the Septuagint and Syriac.

Proverbs 11:17

**(Pro 11:17 NASB) The merciful man does himself good,
But the cruel man does himself harm.**

Six examples of blessing by kindness:

1. The Kenites (**1 Sam 15:6**)
2. David (**1 Sam 30:11-20**)
3. Jonathan (**2 Sam 9:7; 21:7**)
4. Job (**Job 42:10**)
5. Cornelius (**Acts 10:4**)
6. The Maltese (**Acts 28:1-10**)

Six examples of troubling self:

1. Cain (**Gen 4:10-12**)
2. Joseph's brethren (**Gen 37; 42:21**)
3. Adoni-bezek (**Judg 1:6-7**)
4. Agag (**1 Sam 15:33**)
5. Haman (**Est 9:25**)
6. Jonah (**Jonah 4:1-3**)

Proverbs 11:17

**(Pro 11:17 ISV*) ¶ A gracious man benefits himself,
but the cruel person damages himself.**

**(Pro 11:17 KJV+) The merciful^{H2617} man^{H376} doeth
good^{H1580} to his own soul:^{H5315}
but he that is cruel^{H394} troubleth^{H5916} his own flesh.^{H7607}**

**(Pro 11:17 NASB) The merciful man does himself good,
But the cruel man does himself harm.**

**(Pro 11:17 NIV) A kind man benefits himself,
but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.**

[The merciful man] The man who shows mercy edifies his own soul, but the unmerciful, fretful, and vengeful destroys his own flesh and is sickly in body.

Proverbs 11:18

**(Pro 11:18 ISV*) ¶ Evil people earn deceptive wages,
but those who plant righteousness are truly
rewarded.**

**(Pro 11:18 KJV+) The wicked^{H7563} worketh^{H6213} a
deceitful^{H8267} work:^{H6468}
but to him that soweth^{H2232} righteousness^{H6666} shall
be a sure^{H571} reward.^{H7938}**

**(Pro 11:18 NASB) The wicked earns deceptive wages,
But he who sows righteousness gets a true reward.**

**(Pro 11:18 NIV) The wicked man earns deceptive
wages,
but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure
reward.**

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*(Pro 11:18 NASB) The wicked earns deceptive wages,
But he who sows righteousness gets a true reward.*

[deceitful work] Hebrew: **sheqer** (OT:8267), falsehood;
lie (*Prov 11:18; 20:17; 31:30*).

Four examples of deceitful workers:

1. Pharaoh (*Ex 1:20*)
2. The Gibeonites (*Josh 9:4-21*)
3. Absalom (*2 Sam 15*)
4. Caiaphas (*John 11:49-50*)

Five examples of reward by right sowing:

1. Noah (*Gen 6:22; 7:1; Heb 11:7*)
2. Abraham (*Heb 6:15*)
3. Joseph (*Gen 37-41*)
4. Simeon (*Luke 2:25-32*)
5. Paul (*1 Cor 9:1; 2 Tim 4:7-8*)

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Proverbs 11:19

(Pro 11:19 ISV) ¶ Genuine righteousness leads to life,
but whoever pursues evil will die.*

*(Pro 11:19 KJV+) As^{H3651} righteousness^{H6666} tendeth to
life:^{H2416}
so he that pursueth^{H7291} evil^{H7451} pursueth it to his own
death.^{H4194}*

*(Pro 11:19 NASB) He who is steadfast in righteousness will
attain to life,
And he who pursues evil will bring about his own death.*

*(Pro 11:19 NIV) The truly righteous man attains life,
but he who pursues evil goes to his death.*

Righteousness promotes health and long life (*Ps 91; 1 Peter
3:10-11*), but wickedness shortens life.

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Proverbs 11:20

(Pro 11:20 ISV) ¶ Devious minds are abhorrent to the LORD,
but those whose ways are innocent are his delight.*

*(Pro 11:20 KJV+) They that are of a froward^{H6141} heart^{H3820} are
abomination^{H8441} to the LORD:^{H3068}
but such as are upright^{H8549} in their way^{H1870} are his
delight.^{H7522}*

*(Pro 11:20 NASB) The perverse in heart are an abomination to
the LORD,
But the blameless in their walk are His delight.*

*(Pro 11:20 NIV) The LORD detests men of perverse heart
but he delights in those whose ways are blameless.*

Six examples of being God's delight:

1. Enoch (*Heb 11:5*)
2. Noah (*Gen 6:8*)
3. Israel (*Deut 10:15*)
4. The upright (*Prov 11:20*)
5. Saints and the excellent (*Ps 16:3*)
6. Jesus Christ (*Isa 42:1*)

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Proverbs 11:21

(Pro 11:21 ISV) ¶ Be sure of this: [Lit. Hand to hand] the
wicked will not go unpunished,
but the descendants of the righteous will go free.*

*(Pro 11:21 KJV+) Though hand^{H3027} join in hand,^{H3027} the
wicked^{H7451} shall not^{H3808} be unpunished.^{H5352}
but the seed^{H2233} of the righteous^{H6662} shall be
delivered.^{H4422}*

*(Pro 11:21 NASB) Assuredly, the evil man will not go
unpunished,
But the descendants of the righteous will be
delivered.*

*(Pro 11:21 NIV) Be sure of this: The wicked will not go
unpunished,
but those who are righteous will go free.*

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Proverbs 11:21

(Pro 11:21 NASB) Assuredly, the evil man will not go unpunished, But the descendants of the righteous will be delivered.

[Though hand join in hand] Verbal contracts were closed with a handshake (note, **Prov 6:1**).

Here, though the wicked pledge such support to each other in sin, they will not go unpunished.

Only the righteous will be delivered.

Proverbs 11:21

(Pro 11:21 NASB) Assuredly, the evil man will not go unpunished, But the descendants of the righteous will be delivered.

Five examples of judging wicked rebels:

1. The Babel builders (**Gen 11:1-9**)
2. Sodom and Gomorrah (**Gen 19**)
3. Korah and company (**Num 16**)
4. Canaanite kings (**Josh 9-10**)
5. The ten kings (**Rev 17-19**)

Four examples of righteous descendants being delivered:

1. Noah and family (**Gen 6-8**)
2. Lot and family (**Gen 19:17-29**)
3. The Jews (**Est 7-9**)
4. The Hebrew children (**Dan 3**)

Proverbs 11:22

(Pro 11:22 ISV*) ¶ Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion.

(Pro 11:22 KJV+) As a jewel^{H5141} of gold^{H2091} in a swine's^{H2386} snout,^{H639} so is a fair^{H3303} woman^{H802} which is without^{H5493} discretion.^{H2940}

(Pro 11:22 NASB) As a ring of gold in a swine's snout So is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.

(Pro 11:22 NIV) Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.

(Pro 11:22 RSV) Like a gold ring in a swine's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion.

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(Pro 11:22 NASB) As a ring of gold in a swine's snout So is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.

[As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout] Nose jewels are common in the East (**Gen 24:47; Isa 3:21**).

verse 22, is descriptively practical:

An ugly pig with snot dripping from its mouth and a gold ring affixed to its nostrils

A jewel in the swine's snout is as becoming as a beautiful woman who lacks moral discretion.

Gold signifies value -- but in the wrong place.

So is a beautiful woman who hasn't learned that beauty is not the outward form but the inward beauty of spirit.

Proverbs 11:23

**(Pro 11:23 ISV*) ¶ The desire of the righteous is to seek good,
but the hope of the wicked results in wrath.**

**(Pro 11:23 KJV+) The desire^{H8378} of the righteous^{H6662} is only^{H389} good:^{H2896}
but the expectation^{H8615} of the wicked^{H7563} is wrath.^{H5678}**

**(Pro 11:23 NASB) The desire of the righteous is only good,
But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.**

**(Pro 11:23 NIV) The desire of the righteous ends only in good,
but the hope of the wicked only in wrath.**

The righteous are consecrated to goodness, but the wicked are consecrated to things that will produce the wrath of God.

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Proverbs 11:24

What do we value?

What will we seek and once possess, hold onto until the last?

What do we treasure?

Where is it kept?

Mat 6:19-34 KJV

**(19) Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth,
where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where
thieves break through and steal:**

**(20) But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where
thieves do not break through nor steal:**

**(21) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be
also.**

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Proverbs 11:24

**(Pro 11:24 ISV*) ¶ Those who give freely gain even more;
others hold back what they owe, becoming even poorer.**

**(Pro 11:24 KJV+) There is^{H3426} that scattereth,^{H6340} and yet^{H5750}
increaseth;^{H3254}
and there is that withholdeth^{H2820} more than is meet,^{H4480}
^{H3476} but it tendeth to poverty.^{H4270}**

**(Pro 11:24 NASB) There is one who scatters, and yet increases
all the more,
And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it
results only in want.**

**(Pro 11:24 NIV) One man gives freely, yet gains even more;
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.**

**(Pro 11:24 RSV) One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers
want.**

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What do we value?

What will we seek and once possess, hold onto until the last?

What do we treasure?

Where is it kept?

Mat 6:19-34 KJV

**(22) The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine
eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.**

**(23) But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full
of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be
darkness, how great is that darkness!**

**(24) No man can serve two masters: for either he will
hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold
to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve
God and mammon.**

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Proverbs 11:24

What do we value?
What will we seek and once possess, hold onto until the last?
What do we treasure?
Where is it kept?

Mat 6:19-34 KJV

- (25) Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?**
- (26) Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?**
- (27) Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?**

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Proverbs 11:24

What do we value?
What will we seek and once possess, hold onto until the last?
What do we treasure?
Where is it kept?

Mat 6:19-34 KJV

- (28) And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:**
- (29) And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.**
- (30) Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?**

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Proverbs 11:24

What do we value?
What will we seek and once possess, hold onto until the last?
What do we treasure?
Where is it kept?

Mat 6:19-34 KJV

- (31) Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?**
- (32) (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.**
- (33) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**
- (34) Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.**

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Proverbs 11:25

- (Pro 11:25 ISV*) ¶ A generous person will prosper, and anyone who gives water will receive a flood in return.**
- (Pro 11:25 KJV+) The liberal^{H1293} soul^{H5315} shall be made fat:^{H1878} and he that watereth^{H7301} shall be watered^{H3384} also^{H1571} himself.^{H1931}**
- (Pro 11:25 NASB) The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.**
- (Pro 11:25 NIV) A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.**

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Proverbs 11:25

(Pro 11:25 NASB) *The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.*

[The liberal soul] God blesses the bountiful soul and repays what is cheerfully given.

[shall be made fat]

Three examples of liberality blessed:

1. Widow (**1 Kings 17:10**)
2. The Shunammite (**2 Kings 4:8,37**)
3. Publius (**Acts 28:7-8**)

Proverbs 11:26

(Pro 11:26 ISV*) ¶ *People will curse whoever withholds grain, but blessing will come to whoever is selling.*

(Pro 11:26 KJV+) *He that withholdeth^{H4513} corn,^{H1250} the people^{H3816} shall curse^{H6895} him: but blessing^{H1293} shall be upon the head^{H7218} of him that selleth^{H7666} it.*

(Pro 11:26 NASB) *He who withholds grain, the people will curse him,*

But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

(Pro 11:26 NIV) *People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.*

The man who takes advantage of scarcity to make himself rich will be cursed, but blessing will be upon the one who helps men in adversity.

Proverbs 11:27

(Pro 11:27 ISV*) ¶ *The person seeking good will find favor,*

but anyone who searches for evil—it will find him!

(Pro 11:27 KJV+) *He that diligently seeketh^{H7836} good^{H2896} procureth^{H1245} favour:^{H7522} but he that seeketh^{H1875} mischief,^{H7451} it shall come^{H935} unto him.*

(Pro 11:27 NASB) *He who diligently seeks good seeks favor,*

But he who seeks evil, evil will come to him.

(Pro 11:27 NIV) *He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it.*

He that seeks the good of others gains their favor, but he that seeks their harm shall reap it himself.

Proverbs 11:28

(Pro 11:28 ISV*) ¶ *The person who trusts in his wealth will fall,*

but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.

(Pro 11:28 KJV+) *He^{H1931} that trusteth^{H982} in his riches^{H6239} shall fall:^{H5307}*

but the righteous^{H6662} shall flourish^{H6524} as a branch.^{H5929}

(Pro 11:28 NASB) *He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like the green leaf.*

(Pro 11:28 NIV) *Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.*

[He that trusteth in his riches shall fall] A failing trust (**Mark 10:24**).

[but the righteous shall flourish as a branch] See **Ps 1; 92:12-13**.

Proverbs 11:29

(Pro 11:29 ISV) ¶ Whoever troubles his household will inherit the wind,
and the fool will be a servant to the wise.*

*(Pro 11:29 KJV+) He that troubleth^{H5916} his own house^{H1004} shall inherit^{H5157} the wind.^{H7307}
and the fool^{H191} shall be servant^{H5650} to the wise^{H2450} of heart.^{H3820}*

*(Pro 11:29 NASB) He who troubles his own house will inherit wind,
And the foolish will be servant to the wisehearted.*

*(Pro 11:29 NIV) He who brings trouble on his family will inherit only wind,
and the fool will be servant to the wise.*

[He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind] He that dissipates his property by riotous living shall inherit emptiness in the end.

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Proverbs 11:30

(Pro 11:30 ISV) ¶ The fruit of the righteous is [So MT; LXX reads From the fruit of righteousness grows] a tree of life,
and the one who wins people is wise. [So MT; LXX reads life, but the souls of those who practice evil are cut off prematurely]*

*(Pro 11:30 KJV+) The fruit^{H6529} of the righteous^{H6662} is a tree^{H6086} of life,^{H2416}
and he that winneth^{H3947} souls^{H5315} is wise.^{H2450}*

*(Pro 11:30 NASB) The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
And he who is wise wins souls.*

*(Pro 11:30 NIV) The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and he who wins souls is wise.*

[The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life] The righteous produce eternal life for men by winning them to God.

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Proverbs 11:29

(Pro 11:29 NASB) [fool] Hebrew: °eviyil (OT:191)

Three Hebrew Words Translated Fool in Proverbs

1. The Hebrew: °eviyil" (OT:191) means lax or careless habit of mind and body; to be perverse, silly, and a fool.

Used 19 times in Proverbs (*Prov 1:7; 7:22; 10:8,10,14,21; 11:29; 12:15-16; 14:3,9; 15:5; 16:22; 17:28; 20:3; 24:7; 27:3,22; 29:9*).

2. The Hebrew: keciyl (OT:3684) means dense or stupid, manifesting itself in impiety and irreverence.

Used 49 times in Proverbs (*Prov 1:22,32; 3:35; 8:5; 10:1,18,23; 12:23; 13:16,19-20; 14:7-8,16,24,33; 15:2,7,14,20; 17:10,12,16,21,24-25; 18:2,6-7; 19:1,10,13,29; 21:20; 23:9; 26:1,3-12; 28:26; 29:11,20*).

3. The Hebrew: nabal (OT:5036) refers to a vile and vulgar person.

Used 3 times in Proverbs (*Prov 17:7,21; 30:22; cp. Ps 14:1; 53:1*).

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Proverbs 11:31

(Pro 11:31 ISV) ¶ If the righteous receive what they are due here on earth,
how much more will the wicked and the sinner.*

*(Pro 11:31 KJV+) Behold,^{H2005} the righteous^{H6662} shall be recompensed^{H7999} in the earth.^{H776}
much more^{H637 H3588} the wicked^{H7563} and the sinner.^{H2398}*

*(Pro 11:31 NASB) If the righteous will be rewarded in the earth,
How much more the wicked and the sinner!*

*(Pro 11:31 NIV) If the righteous receive their due on earth,
how much more the ungodly and the sinner!*

Both the righteous and the wicked will reap what they sow (**Gal 6:7-8**).

Quoted in **1 Peter 4:18**.

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