

Proverbs 11:1-31 **Concise Statements of Wisdom & Expected Results**

The Folly of Wickedness

1. Dishonest scales *are* an abomination to the LORD ,
But a just weight *is* His delight.
- 2 When pride comes, then comes shame;
But with the humble *is* wisdom.
- 3 The integrity of the upright will guide them,
But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.
- 4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
But righteousness delivers from death.
- 5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct* his way aright,
But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,
But the unfaithful will be caught by *their* lust.
- 7 When a wicked man dies, *his* expectation will perish,
And the hope of the unjust perishes.
- 8 The righteous is delivered from trouble,
And it comes to the wicked instead.
- 9 The hypocrite with *his* mouth destroys his neighbor,
But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.
- 10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices;
And when the wicked perish, *there is* jubilation.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted,
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor,
But a man of understanding holds his peace.
- 13 A talebearer reveals secrets,
But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.
- 14 Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall;

But in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

¹⁵ He who is surety for a stranger will suffer,
But one who hates being surety is secure.

¹⁶ A gracious woman retains honor,
But ruthless *men* retain riches.

¹⁷ The merciful man does good for his own soul,
But *he who is* cruel troubles his own flesh.

¹⁸ The wicked *man* does deceptive work,
But he who sows righteousness *will have* a sure reward.

¹⁹ As righteousness *leads* to life,
So he who pursues evil *pursues it* to his own death.

²⁰ Those who are of a perverse heart *are* an abomination to the LORD ,
But *the* blameless in their ways *are* His delight.

²¹ *Though they join forces,* the wicked will not go unpunished;*
But the posterity of the righteous will be delivered.

²² *As* a ring of gold in a swine's snout,
So is a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

²³ The desire of the righteous *is* only good,
But the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

²⁴ There is *one* who scatters, yet increases more;
And there is *one* who withholds more than is right, But it *leads* to poverty.

²⁵ The generous soul will be made rich,
And he who waters will also be watered himself.

²⁶ The people will curse him who withholds grain,
But blessing *will be* on the head of him who sells *it*.

²⁷ He who earnestly seeks good finds favor,
But trouble will come to him who seeks *evil*.

²⁸ He who trusts in his riches will fall,
But the righteous will flourish like foliage.

²⁹ He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind,
And the fool *will be* servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous *is a* tree of life,
And he who wins souls *is* wise.

31 If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth,
How much more the ungodly and the sinner.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Short self evident contrasting and straight statements of Solomon requiring no commentary.
- ✧ Contrast between good and evil with the expected reward (end) of each.