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## The Proverbs Series

### Character 101

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**Proverbs 11:1-10** <sup>1</sup>Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, but an accurate weight is His delight. <sup>2</sup>When pride comes, disgrace follows, but with humility comes wisdom. <sup>3</sup>The integrity of the upright guides them, but the perversity of the faithless destroys them. <sup>4</sup>Riches are worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness brings deliverance from death. <sup>5</sup>The righteousness of the blameless directs their path, but the wicked fall by their own wickedness. <sup>6</sup>The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the faithless are trapped by their own desires. <sup>7</sup>When the wicked man dies, his hope perishes, and the hope of his strength vanishes. <sup>8</sup>The righteous man is delivered from trouble; in his place the wicked man goes in. <sup>9</sup>With his mouth the ungodly man destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous are rescued. <sup>10</sup>When the righteous thrive, the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy. (BSB)

#### I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. God cares about people being treated **fairly**. V.1
- B. Pride and humility are **polar** opposites in God's sight. V.2
- C. Character matters when it comes to being **guided** by God. V.3
- D. Money cannot guarantee **protection** from bad things. V.4
- E. We are guided by our **integrity** or lack of it. V.5-6
- F. There is more to our **existence** than just our years on earth. V.7-8
- G. Our **words** matter! V.9
- H. Our existence on this earth has **eternal** consequences! V.10

#### II. What can we learn from this?

- A. It is important that God's people get **involved** in solving societal problems. We cannot sit out when people are being taken advantage of.
- B. The **attitude** that Christ had must become our **attitude**. Philippians 2
- C. It is important that we love **people** and use **money**.
- D. Focus on the **little** aspects of following Christ and the big issues tend to sort themselves out.
- E. We must be guided by the **big picture** of what God is doing in our generation.
- F. Reminder: keep your words to a **minimum**.
- G. **Honor** the righteous in our life.