

# Proverbs 11

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## Dishonest Scales

(Deuteronomy 25:13–16; Ezekiel 45:10–12)

- 1A false balance is an abomination to the LORD; But a perfect weight is His delight.
- 2When pride cometh, then cometh shame; But with the lowly is wisdom.
- 3The integrity of the upright shall guide them; But the perverseness of the faithless shall destroy them.
- 4Riches profit not in the day of wrath; But righteousness delivereth from death.
- 5The righteousness of the sincere shall make straight his way; But the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
- 6The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them; But the faithless shall be trapped in their own crafty device.
- 7When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish, And the hope of strength perisheth.
- 8The righteous is delivered out of trouble, And the wicked cometh in his stead.
- 9With his mouth the impious man destroyeth his neighbour; But through knowledge shall the righteous be delivered.
- 10When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth; And when the wicked perish, there is joy.
- 11By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted; But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12He that despiseth his neighbour lacketh understanding; But a man of discernment holdeth his peace.
- 13He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets; But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth a matter.
- 14Where no wise direction is, a people falleth; But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.
- 15He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it; But he that hateth them that strike hands is secure.
- 16A gracious woman obtaineth honour; And strong men obtain riches.
- 17The merciful man doeth good to his own soul; But he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.
- 18The wicked earneth deceitful wages; But he that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward.
- 19Stedfast righteousness tendeth to life; But he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death.
- 20They that are perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD; But such as are upright in their way are His delight.
- 21My hand upon it! the evil man shall not be unpunished; But the seed of the righteous shall escape.
- 22As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman that turneth aside from discretion.
- 23The desire of the righteous is only good; But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

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

**25**The beneficent soul shall be made rich, and he that satisfieth abundantly shall be satisfied 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 seeketh favour; But he that searcheth for evil, it shall come unto him.

**28**He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; But the righteous shall flourish as foliage.

**29**He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind; And the foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.

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

**31**Behold, the righteous shall be requited in the earth; How much more the wicked and the sinner!