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(#50) The Proverbs of Solomon 11:30-31: The Results of a Good Life

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 11:30:

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

The purpose of recognizing God's blessings, receiving those blessings, and rendering blessings to others is to have a positive, spiritual effect on our part of the world. The "wise" will win souls, the unwise will not! The "righteous" will bear fruit, the unrighteous will remain barren! The purpose of each life should be to leave behind more righteousness in the world than there was before being born!

Of course, Jesus Christ is essential to this success:

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. (**John 15:4-8**)

To "win" a soul for Christ has made the ultimate conquest for good!

Proverbs 11:31:

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

The inspired commentary on this verse is from the Apostle Peter, who quoted this as a means of encouraging Christians who suffer affliction for the cause of Jesus

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Christ, and needed to know that the “ungodly and the sinner” have no comfort or strength to endure, by contrast.

For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear? Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.
(1 Peter 4:17-19)

When we obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ ([Acts 2:38](#)) we trust our souls into the care of God, who will protect us eternally, as long as we remain in His care ([1 Peter 2:11-12](#); [3:13-18](#); [5:6-7](#)).

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