

# Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 136 – A Gracious Woman Through The Righteous Recompensed (Proverbs 11:16-31)

## 1. What kind of woman retains honor?

A gracious woman: “A gracious [**grace, pleasant, precious – Strong’s #2580**] woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches” (Proverbs 11:16).

\* Proverbs 12:4, Proverbs 19:14, Proverbs 31:10, Proverbs 31:25, and Proverbs 31:30-31.

## 2. Are there some people who cause themselves trouble?

Yes: “The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but **he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh**” (Proverbs 11:17).

\* The merciful man does good for his soul (Psalms 112:4-9, Matthew 5:7, and Matthew 6:14-15 [**\*\*if they repent – Luke 17:3-4\*\***]).

\* The cruel person troubles his own flesh (James 2:13).

## 3. Do wicked workers, which pursue evil, have a good reward?

No. The righteous have the reward of life while wicked workers have death to look forward to: “(18) The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward. (19) As righteousness tendeth to life: so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death” (Proverbs 11:18-19).

\* “(12) Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. (13) Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men” (Hosea 10:12-13).

\* The reward of life to the righteous (Proverbs 10:16, Proverbs 11:4, Proverbs 12:28, Proverbs 19:23, Romans 2:7, and I John 2:25).

\* Death to the wicked (Proverbs 5:22, Proverbs 22:8, Romans 6:23, and Galatians 6:7-8).

## 4. It is better to be upright or to have a froward heart?

You want to be upright: “They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight” (Proverbs 11:20).

\* It’s not good to be froward [perverse] (Proverbs 17:20, Proverbs 21:8, and Proverbs 22:5).

\* The upright are in good shape (Psalms 7:10 and Psalms 37:37).

5. Will the wicked escape the judgment of God?

No: *"Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered"* (**Proverbs 11:21**).

\* Even though hand be joined [the wicked work together] in hand (**Proverbs 16:5**).

\* The wicked will not go unpunished (**Psalms 37:20** and **Isaiah 13:11**).

6. What is a fair woman without discretion compared to?

***"As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion"*** (**Proverbs 11:22**).

\* **I Peter 3:1-7**

7. Do righteous individuals desire evil things?

NO: *"The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath"* (**Proverbs 11:23**).

\* **Psalms 27:4** and **Matthew 5:6**.

8. Is it good to hoard wealth and look at what you save as something you can trust in?

No: *"(24) There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. (25) The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered 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 procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him. (28) He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch"* (**Proverbs 11:24-28**).

\* We want to be liberal in our usage of funds for good things (**Proverbs 28:27** and **II Corinthians 9:6-11**).

\* It is very unwise to build up and store earthly treasures (**Ecclesiastes 5:9-16** and **Luke 12:13-21**). \*Not saying we should be unwise, liberal, and worldly in spending either!

\* We should never, no matter how much we have in "savings", trust in riches of this world (**Psalms 62:10**, **Proverbs 23:5**, and **I Timothy 6:17**).

9. What is the inheritance of one who troubles his own house?

\* The wind: *"He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart"* (**Proverbs 11:29**; cf. **Hosea 8:7**).

\* For discussion, **Matthew 10:34-37** shows trouble in one's household is sure to come. Light and darkness cannot peaceably co-exist (**Psalms 119:115**, **Proverbs 29:27**, **John 3:19-21**, **John 15:17-19**, **Ephesians 5:11**, and **I John 3:13**).

10. What is he that winneth souls?

Wise: *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and **he that winneth souls is wise**" (Proverbs 11:30).*

\* A soul winner is a soul catcher (Luke 5:9-10).

\* We want to be part of helping others to be converted to the Lord (Psalms 51:13, Colossians 1:28, I Thessalonians 1:6-8, II Timothy 2:2, and James 5:19-20).

11. The wording in the KJV of Proverbs 11:31 is a little unclear. For our studies, please consider the following information before the question is asked.

The KJV says: *"Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner" (Proverbs 11:31).*

The ASV says: *"Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: How much more the wicked and the sinner" (Proverbs 11:31)!*

The NKJV says: *"If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth, How much more the ungodly and the sinner" (Proverbs 11:31).*

The word "recompensed" [Strong's # 7999] means: "to receive the reward of deeds" (Gesenius's Lexicon). The same Hebrew word is later translated as "rewarded" in Proverbs 13:13 and "reward" in Proverbs 25:22.

The word "recompense" is often tied to being judged and rewarded based on one's deeds (Psalms 18:24, Ezekiel 9:10, Ezekiel 22:31, Luke 14:14, II Thessalonians 1:6, and Hebrews 10:30).

**To the question:** What Scripture, in the New Testament, teaches the same point as Proverbs 11:31 (hint – near the end of I Peter 4)?

*"Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner" (Proverbs 11:31).*

\* Notice verse 18 here: *"(17) For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? (18) **And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?** (19) Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator" (I Peter 4:17-19).*