**Living Wisely – Pr. 11**

**Focal Truth: God’s wisdom reveals the blessings of a righteous life**

* The righteous are the justified ones or live rightly toward God & others

Rom. 1:17 – *The just live by faith*

* God’s wisdom makes **promises** about righteous living
* God’s wisdom describes **the actions** of righteous living
* God’s wisdom describes **the results** of righteous living
* **Read the Proverbs listening to the Holy Spirit teaching you God’s wisdom for life!**

**Observations**

1. **God delivers the righteous**

Righteousness **delivers** from death 11:4,6

* Daniel from the lion’s den
* Peter & Paul delivered from death

The blameless righteous **smooths the way of life** 11:5

*Righteousness traces out = rightly divides blameless paths -* Septuagint

The righteous are **delivered** from trouble 11:8

The righteous is **delivered** through knowledge 11:9

*The understanding of righteous men is prosperous* – Septuagint

*Through their knowledge the righteous are rescued* – Targum – Aramaic paraphrase

* 1 Pet. 1:5 – *add to your faith knowledge*

Knowing God & His wisdom reveals the way of deliverance in any situation

1. **The righteous bring joy to others**

When things are good for the righteous the city rejoices 11:10

*In the prosperity of righteous men, a city prospers* - Septuagint

The righteous bless the city 11:11

* King David blessed Israel
* King Solomon blessed Israel

1. **The blessings of life are for the righteous**

The one who sows righteousness gets a true reward 11:18

“Righteousness is the seed, happiness is the reward” - Bridges

*The seed of the righteous is a reward of truth* - Septuagint

The one remains in righteousness will attain life 11:19

*Righteousness is a prop of life* – Targum – Aramaic paraphrase

The descendants of the righteous will be delivered 11:21

*The offspring of the righteous will be safe – Targum – Aramaic paraphrase*

* The blameless in their walk are His delight 11:20
* *The righteous please the Lord* – Targum – Aramaic paraphrase 11:20

The righteous will flourish like a green leaf 11:28

*The righteous will flourish like foliage* – Targum – Aramaic paraphrase

Jer. 17:8 -9 – *blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, he will be like a tree planted by water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes, but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit*

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life 11:30

*Out of the fruit of righteousness grows a tree of life* – Septuagint

Pr. 3:13 – *How blessed it the man who finds wisdom…her profit is better than silver and her gain better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, nothing you desire compares with her. Long life is in her right hand, in her left are riches & honor, her ways are pleasant, all her paths peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her.*

James 3:18 – *the see whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace*

The righteous will be rewarded 11:31

*If the righteous are scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?* Septuagint

*If the righteous are barely saved, what will happen to godless sinners?* 1 Pet. 4:18

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourself it is the gift of God*

1. **The righteous desire only good things**

The desire of the righteous is only good 11:23

*What the righteous desire can only be good –* Targum – Aramaic Paraphrase

* The righteous desire God in His glory as Father, Son & Holy Spirit

Ps. 73:25 – *whom have I in heaven but You? and besides You, I desire nothing on earth*

* The righteous seek the Lordship & rule of Jesus Christ first in life – Matt.6:33
* The desire of the righteous is satisfying

Pr. 13:12 – *desire is a tree of life*

Pr. 13:19 - *desire realized is sweet to the soul*

* The righteous walk in the Spirit & lose their desire for the flesh

Gal. 5:16 – *walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh*

* The righteous desire heaven

Heb. 11:16 – *they desire a better country that is a heavenly one.*