

# Proverbs 10

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Wise son, glad father; stupid son, sad mother. <sup>2</sup> Ill-gotten gain gets you nowhere; an honest life is immortal. <sup>3</sup> God won't starve an honest soul, but he frustrates the appetites of the wicked. <sup>4</sup> Sloth makes you poor; diligence brings wealth. <sup>5</sup> Make hay while the sun shines—that's smart; go fishing during harvest—that's stupid.

<sup>6</sup> Blessings accrue on a good and honest life, but the mouth of the wicked is a dark cave of abuse. <sup>7</sup> A good and honest life is a blessed memorial; a wicked life leaves a rotten stench. <sup>8</sup> A wise heart takes orders; an empty head will come unglued. <sup>9</sup> Honesty lives confident and carefree, but Shifty is sure to be exposed.

<sup>10</sup> An evasive eye is a sign of trouble ahead, but an open, face-to-face meeting results in peace. <sup>11</sup> The mouth of a good person is a deep, life-giving well, but the mouth of the wicked is a dark cave of abuse. <sup>12</sup> Hatred starts fights, but love pulls a quilt over the bickering. <sup>13</sup> You'll find wisdom on the lips of a person of insight, but the shortsighted needs a slap in the face. <sup>14</sup> The wise accumulate knowledge—a true treasure; know-it-alls talk too much—a sheer waste.

<sup>15</sup> The wealth of the rich is their bastion; the poverty of the indigent is their ruin. <sup>16</sup> The wage of a good person is exuberant life; an evil person ends up with nothing but sin. <sup>17</sup> The road to life is a disciplined life; ignore correction and you're lost for good. <sup>18</sup> Liars secretly hoard hatred; fools openly spread slander. <sup>19</sup> The more talk, the less truth; the wise measure their words. <sup>20</sup> The speech of a good person is worth waiting for; the blabber of the wicked is worthless. <sup>21</sup> The talk of a good person is rich fare for many, but chatterboxes die of an empty heart.

<sup>22</sup> God's blessing makes life rich; nothing we do can improve on God. <sup>23</sup> An empty-head thinks mischief is fun, but a mindful person relishes wisdom. <sup>24</sup> The nightmares of the wicked come true; what the good people desire, they get. <sup>25</sup> When the storm is over, there's nothing left of the wicked; good people, firm on their rock foundation, aren't even fazed. <sup>26</sup> A lazy employee will give you nothing but trouble; it's vinegar in the mouth, smoke in the eyes.

<sup>27</sup> The Fear-of-God expands your life; a wicked life is a puny life. <sup>28</sup> The aspirations of good people end in celebration; the ambitions of bad people crash. <sup>29</sup> God is solid backing to a well-lived life, but he calls into question a shabby performance. <sup>30</sup> Good people *last*—they can't be moved; the wicked are here today, gone tomorrow. <sup>31</sup> A good person's mouth is a clear fountain of wisdom; a foul mouth is a stagnant swamp. <sup>32</sup> The speech of a good person clears the air; the words of the wicked pollute it.