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Proverbs - Benefits of Alignment

You will dwell safely and be quiet from the fear of evil. (1:33)

Discretion will preserve you and understanding will keep you. (2:11)

You will dwell and remain in the land. (2:21)

God will be your buckler when you walk uprightly. (2:7)

God will keep your path of judgment and your way. (2:8)

You will understand righteousness, judgment, equity and every good path. (2:9)

Your barns will be filled with plenty and your presses will burst out with new wine. (3:10)

By correcting you, He will love and delight in you. (3:12)

You will find happiness. (3:13)

His commandments will add length of days to you. (3:2)

The LORD will be your confident. He will keep your foot from being taken. (3:26)

The LORD will give you grace. (3:34)

You will inherit glory. (3:35)

You will find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. (3:4)

He will direct your path. (3:6)

His sayings will add years to your life. (4:10)

He will teach you in the way of wisdom and lead you in the right path. (4:11)

Your path will become as a shining light that shines unto a perfect day. (4:18)

He will teach you. (4:4)

His word will lead, keep and speak to you. (6:22)

His law will become the apple of your eye. (7:2)

He loves us. Seek Him early and you will find him. (8:17)

Riches, honor, durable riches and righteousness are with Him. (8:18)

He will cause those that love Him to inherit substance. He will fill your treasures. (8:21)

He will bless those who keep His ways. (8:32)

You will obtain favor of the LORD. (8:35)

His blessing makes rich. (10:22)

His way is strength to us. (10:29)

The liberal will be made fat. (11:25)

He will bless those who do not withhold corn from the hungry. (11:26)

The fool will be servant to the righteous. (11:29)

He will obtain favor of the LORD.

His soul will be made fat. (13:4)

He will be crowned with knowledge. (14:18)

The LORD will establish the border of the widow. (15:25)

Happy is he that trusts the LORD. (16:20)

The LORD keeps our soul. (19:16)

He that shows pity to the poor lends to the LORD. The LORD will repay. (19:17)

The LORD will save him.

There will be treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise. (21:20)

Safety is of the LORD. (21:31)

He will be blessed. (22:9)

Your chambers will be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. (24:4)

He will show mercy to those who confess and forsake their sin. (28:13)

You will abound with blessings. (28:20)

Trust in the LORD and you will be made fat. (28:25)

He will deliver those that walk wisely. (28:26)

Seek the LORD and you will understand all things. (28:5)

Those who keep the law will be happy. (29:18)

He will uphold you with honor. (29:23)

Trust in the LORD and you will be safe. (29:25)

Man's Judgment comes from the LORD. (29:26)

Trust the LORD and He will be your shield. (30:5)

PROVERBS - THE BENEFITS OF POSITIVE ACTION

When we read the Proverbs of Solomon, we discover that wisdom does not focus on ideas, but eventually flows into action. Our positive actions are always rewarded. You will note that actions in the Proverbs are directed upward, inward, and otherward. In this study we will briefly review what Solomon declares about those things we are called to do.

THE BENEFITS OF POSITIVE ACTION:

Solomon declares “ **Seek** out wisdom and understanding; they will bring you happiness. If you exalt wisdom, she will promote you and bring you honor. If you **embrace her**, she will provide your head with an ornament of grace and will crown you with glory. If you **listen to her**, she will bless and deliver you.

If you **keep** the LORD’s commandments, they will add length of days to you. If you **hear, receive and live according** to His Word, He will save you, preserve your soul, share His secrets, bless your habitation, ensure your soul does not famish, and that you will never be removed, He will make you rich, cause His blessings to rest upon your head, ensure your memory will be blessed and cause much treasure to be in your house. Your house will stand. He will ensure you walk with certainty and be granted a sure reward. If you **align yourself to His word**, your way will tend to life, your seed will be delivered, you will increase, and flourish as a branch. If you **align yourself** to His word, your fruit will be a tree of life and you will win souls. You will be recompensed in the earth and your righteousness will deliver you from death on the day of wrath. If you **align yourself** to His word, you will be delivered out of trouble and your root will yield fruit. If you **align yourself** to His word, no evil shall happen to you, your substance will be precious, and your root will not be moved. **Be righteous**, it will deliver you from death and the desires of your heart will be granted. If you **keep His word**, you will eat to satisfaction, your soul will find honor and your good will be repayed.

Align yourself to God’s word. Your tabernacle will flourish, your way will tend to life, and you will have good things in possession.

Labor, it will tend to life. **Hold your peace** and others will think you are a man of understanding. If we **humble yourself**, He will grant you grace, honor and will uphold you. **Fear the LORD**, by it are riches, honor and life. **Be liberal** and you will prosper. **Till your land** and you will be satisfied with bread. **Be bountiful** and you will be blessed. **Be diligent** and your substance will be precious and you will stand before kings. Your diligence will make you rich and prosper you. **Be faithful** and you will abound with blessings. You have reason to be merry. You will enjoy a continual feast. **Be prudent**, you will foresee evil and be hidden. You will be crowned with knowledge. **Be generous** and

you will be prospered. **Be slow to wrath** and you will be deemed of great understanding. **Confess and forsake your sin** and you will find mercy. **Depart from evil. Devise good.** Mercy and truth will be yours. **Fear the commandments** and you will be promoted. Your children will have a place of refuge and you will prolong your days. **Gather by labor** and you will increase. **Give to the poor** and you will not lack. **Hate bribes. Hear counsel and receive instruction. Hear reproof and get understanding. Increase knowledge** and you will increase strength. **Use discretion,** it will preserve you. **Hate covetousness** and prolong your days. **Scatter** and you will increase. **Speak wholesome words** and your tongue will be a tree of life. **Wait on the LORD** your Master and He will both save and honor you.

DO: IN YOU

Walk in the way of good men. **Keep** the path of the righteous. **Be wise** and you will inherit glory. **Keep His law** as the apple of your eye. **Fear Him,** it is the beginning of wisdom. Keep His instruction. **Refrain your lips** from a multitude of words. **Be wise** and gather in the summer. Women, **retain your honor. Let your integrity guide you. Desire only** what is good. **Allow your righteousness to direct** your way. **Love instruction and knowledge. Walk with the wise** and you will be wise. **Be righteous.** You will not only depart from the snares of death, but will have hope in death. **Give a soft answer** and turn away wrath. **Use knowledge rightly. Speak pleasant words. Regard reproof. Trust in the LORD** and be happy. **Fear the LORD** and you will depart from evil. **Spare your words. Seek knowledge.** Remember: Death and life are in the power of the tongue. **Keep the commandments** and become a wise thereby keeping your soul. **Cease from strife** and demonstrate your honor. If you fall 7 times, get up. Be as bold as a lion. Rejoice, there will be great glory. **Seek the LORD** and you will understand all things. **Sing and rejoice. Turn from wrath. Fear the LORD** and you will be praised. **Diligently seek good** and you will procure favor.

DO: TO OTHERS

Allow your mouth to be a well of life. Be righteous and you will be an everlasting foundation. When you prosper, the city will rejoice. It will be exalted by your blessing. Regard the life of your beast. Speak the truth to others. Allow your tongue to speak health. Be a counselor of peace. Leave an inheritance to your children's children. Be righteous and the wicked will bow at your gates. Show mercy to the poor and you will be happy for it. Show mercy to the poor and thereby honor God. Be a faithful witness - do not lie. Be slow to anger and you will appease strife. Disperse knowledge. Be of a humble spirit with the lowly. Be a friend that loves at all times. Consider the house of the wicked. Give and do not withhold. Use the rod of correction; it will drive foolishness far from the heart. Train up your child in the way he should go. Correct your son and deliver his soul from hell.

Correct your son. He will give you rest and bring delight to your soul. Listen to your father and do not despise your mother. Refresh the soul of your master. Be a faithful messenger. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit. Rebuke openly. When the wicked perish, you will increase. Pity the poor. Be righteous and you will see the fall of your enemies. Be righteous and the people over which you rule will rejoice. Be righteous and consider the cause of the poor.

DO: UPWARD

If you love the LORD, He will cause you to inherit substance and will fill your treasure. If you please Him, even your enemies will be at peace with you. If we keep His ways, He will bless you. Fear Him and He will ensure your soul does not famish. Fear Him and your days will be prolonged. If we listen to Him, you will dwell safely and live free from the fear of evil. Put your trust in the LORD and He will prosper you.

The LORD loves those who follow after righteousness. Turn to the LORD's reproof. He will pour out His Spirit and make known His words to you. Commit your works to Him and your thoughts will be established. Understand the fear of the LORD. You will find the knowledge of God.

Acknowledge Him. He will direct your paths. Love Him and seek Him early. He will be found of you. Receive His commandments. Be righteous, speak the truth and you will be the LORD's delight. Be righteous and the LORD will hear your prayer. Be righteous and the LORD's name will be your high tower. You will run into it and be safe. Show pity to the poor and you will lend to the LORD. Do justice and judgment for it is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice. Be happy - keep the law. Trust in the LORD and he will be your shield. Love wisdom and she will keep you.

DO NOT DO:

Do not forsake wisdom. She will preserve you. You will be blessed if you do not withhold corn from the poor. Do not withhold correction from the child. Do not spare the rod. Love your son and chasten him.

Reasons for Optimism - YES!

Do the righteous have reason to be optimistic? According to Solomon, the King of Israel...

Their blessed Condition:

The LORD blesses their habitation (3:33).

The LORD's secret is with them. 3:32

The LORD grants them their desire. (10:24)

Their hope will be gladness. (10:28)

The LORD does not suffer their soul to famish. (10:3)

They are not removed. (10:30)

The LORD's blessing is upon their head. (10:6)

Their memory is blessed. (10:7)

The city rejoices when things go well for them. (10:10)

By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted. (10:11)

They are the LORD's delight. (11:20)

His seed shall be delivered. (11:21)

He flourishes like a branch. (11:28)

He is recompensed on the earth (11:31)

Righteousness delivers him from death. (11:4)

He is delivered out of trouble (11:8)

His root is not moved (12:3)

His house stands (12:7)

His good is repayed. (13:21)

Righteousness keeps him in the way. (13:6)

His tabernacle rejoices. (14:11)

The LORD hears his prayer. (15:29)

In his house is much treasure. (15:6)

His prayer is the LORD's delight. (15:8)

The LORD loves him. (15:9)

He walks uprightly and is saved. (28:18)

Character of the Optimist Believer:

His mouth is a well of life. (2:11)

He walks in the way of good men. (2:20)

His labor tends to life. (10:16)

His righteousness delivers him from death. (10:2)

He is an everlasting foundation. (10:25)

He walks uprightly and is sure. (10:9)

He sows righteousness and is a sure reward (11:18)

His desire is only good. (11:23)

His integrity guides him (11:3)

His fruit is a tree of life. (11:30)

His righteousness directs his way. (11:5)

His righteousness delivers him. (11:6)

Through knowledge, he is delivered. (11:9)

He regards the life of his beast. (12:10)

His root yields fruit. (12:12)

He comes out of trouble. (12:13)

He speaks the truth (12:17)

No evil happens to him (12:21)

He is more excellent than his neighbor (12:26)

His thoughts are right. (12:5)

His mouth delivers him. (12:6)

His house stands. (12:7)

He eats to the satisfying of his soul. (13:25)

He hates lying. (13:5)

His light rejoices. (13:9)

The wicked will bow at his gate. (14:19)

He fears the LORD. (14:2)

He has hope in his death. (14:32)

There is favor in his presence. (14:9)

His way is made plain. (15:19)

His heart studies an answer. (15:28)

He runs to the LORD his strong tower and finds safety. (18:10)

He wisely considers the house of the wicked. (21:12)

He follows after righteousness and mercy. He finds life, righteousness, and honor. (21:21)

He gives and does not spare. (21:26)

He directs his way. (21:29)

He falls seven times and rises again. (24:16)

He is as bold as a lion. (28:1)

He has good things in possession. (28:10)

He rejoices and there is great glory. (28:12)

When the wicked perish, he increases. (28:28)

He will see the fall of the wicked. (29:16)

When he is in authority, the people rejoice. (29:2)

He sings and rejoices. (29:6)

He considers the cause of the poor. (29:7)

The Sovereignty of God in the Proverbs

Father, today, I am reminded that all the intents of the mind are within Your full view. (5:21) My heart is like a stream of water that You direct, examine and try. You guide it where You please. (21:1) (17:3) Though I may construct a plan, the end result is always determined by You. (16:1) Though I cast a lot to discover my direction, it is You who determines every outcome. (16:33) My heart may forge a plan, but Your purpose will prevail (19:21). If it is You who directs my steps, how then can I understand my way? (20:24)

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

He refrains his lips (10:19) because death and life are in the power of the tongue. (18:21) He spares his words. (17:27) He keeps his mouth and keeps his life. (13:3) His lips preserve him. (14:3) When he does speak, his mouth brings forth wisdom. (10:31) His tongue becomes health. (12:18). It is like choice silver. (10:20) His words are pleasant words. (15:26) His lips speak truth and he is established forever. (12:19) His lips are the LORD's delight. (12:22) His wholesome tongue is a tree of life (15:4) and his lips disperse knowledge. (15:7) The sweetness of his lips increase learning. (16:21) His heart adds learning to his lips. (16:23) He will be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth. With the increase of his lips will he be filled (18:20) The lips of knowledge are a precious jewel. (20:15) His lips feed many (10:21). His lips know what is acceptable. (10:32)

