

A Study of the Wisdom Literature **(OT Survey Lesson 293—Wisdom about Righteous Living)**

Introduction: There are many proverbs that reveal that the blessings of a righteous life. In this lesson, we consider some of the features of righteousness that Solomon encourages all to make a part of their lives.

Lesson aim: To consider some the characteristics of the righteous person.

Trusts in God & respects His word

1. What advantage does the man who “seeks the Lord” have? (28:5) What does Solomon urge the righteous to do? (3:5) what will be the outcome of this kind of life? (29:25)
2. Which does the Lord prefer, justice or sacrifice? (21:3) Consequently, what should man’s attitude be toward God’s word? (16:20; 19:16)
3. How did Agur portray his need for God’s guidance? (30:2-6) What did he encourage the righteous to do?

Kind, humble, peaceable, and cheerful

1. What did Solomon urge the young man to do with kindness and truth? (3:3-4) What else did he affirm about kindness? (19:22)
2. What warning did Solomon issue to the young? (3:7) How did he call attention to the fact that all sin against God? (20:9) What then should we do with sin? (28:13)
3. How else did Solomon urge the righteous to show humility? (12:9; 27:2)
4. What attitude does the righteous have toward conflict? (20:3) What kind of counselors have joy? (12:20)
5. Who did Solomon say “has a continual feast”? (15:15)

Forgiving (Love), just, and honest

1. What does love do? (10:12) What does Solomon say is a glory? (19:11)
2. What disposition should we have toward those who wrong us? (20:22)
3. How did Solomon describe the thoughts of the righteous? (12:5) What is yielded from his life? (12:12) How would one describe his conduct? (21:8) This is because he does what? (21:12)
4. How does the righteous feel when justice is served? (21:15) For whom does he have a special concern? (29:7) What advice is given to the righteous in view of this? (31:8-9)
5. What is the attitude of the righteous toward falsehood? (13:5-6)
6. In what should the righteous walk? (20:7) Yet he should remember what? (16:2)

Courageous and Giving

1. How does Solomon describe the righteous man? (28:1)
2. What promise is made to those who “honor the Lord from their wealth”? (3:9-10)
3. Toward whom is the righteous especially compassionate?

A Teacher of others

1. What relationship does the righteous have to his neighbor? (12:26) What does he urge the righteous to do for those on the wrong path? (24:10-12)