

Proverbs 11:23-31

Give and take ... gain and loss



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Proverbs 11:23-31

1. Read Proverbs 11:23-31. The consequences or the ends of righteousness and wickedness, wisdom and foolishness, are starkly contrasted throughout the book of Proverbs. What contrasts are drawn in these verses?
2. In Proverbs 11:24-26 we have three proverbs about giving and receiving. What are the main points being made in each of these three proverbs?
3. What is the warning in Proverbs 11:27?

The Scriptures – Proverbs 11:23-31

4. There are many portions in the Scriptures about giving and receiving, gaining and losing. Read the words of Jesus in Matthew 16:24-26. What are the main points that Jesus makes here?
5. What were core values or characteristics of the early church in Jerusalem? Read and discuss Acts 2:42-47.
6. Paul often teaches about giving generously in his letters. Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Proverbs 11:23-31 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. How are money and possessions treated in our current times and places? Is mainstream society “generous”?
8. How are hospitality and generosity demonstrations of our discipleship in Christ?
9. How can we prayerfully be faithful to God’s word in giving and receiving?