

PROVERBS

A Course for Life

A COURSE FOR INTEGRITY | PROVERBS 11:1-4



Gold = \$4,220/oz

Tungsten = \$20/oz

A watercolor illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, a winding path leads through green hills. In the background, a large, dark mountain peak rises against a bright, hazy sky with a large sun. The text is overlaid on the upper part of the image.

*The eyes of the Lord are in
every place, keeping watch on
the evil and the good.*

PROVERBS 15:3

A false balance is an abomination to the Lord,
but a just weight is his delight.

² When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with the humble is wisdom.

³ The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.

⁴ Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.

PROVERBS 11:1-4

GOD DELIGHTS IN INTEGRITY

Abomination | תועבה – tô·‘ē·bā(h) - Something of physical repugnance.

*A false balance is an abomination to the Lord,
but a just weight is his delight.*

PROVERBS 11:1

²⁵ The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is **an abomination** to the Lord your God. ²⁶ And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it. **You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction.**

DEUTERONOMY 7:25-26

A FALSE BALANCE

is a dishonest
measurment used
for personal or
financial gain.



FALSE BALANCES IN:

1. Business
2. Relationships
3. School/Work
4. Spiritually

Whenever we
change the
standard to
benefit ourselves,
we are using a
false balance.



GOD DELIGHTS IN INTEGRITY

God is delighted when we use *honest measurements*.

*A false balance is an abomination to the Lord,
but a just weight is his delight.*

PROVERBS 11:1

HUMILITY IS THE ROOT OF INTEGRITY

Pride | זָדוֹן – zā·dôn - arrogant or presumptuous behavior to which one does not have the right.

*When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with the humble is wisdom.*

PROVERBS 11:2

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

JAMES 4:13-16

HUMILITY IS THE ROOT OF INTEGRITY

Disgrace | קָלוֹן – qā·lôn - to be lightly esteemed.

*When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with the humble is wisdom.*

PROVERBS 11:2

INTEGRITY ACTS AS A GUIDE TO LIFE

A person of integrity is guided by their convictions, and nothing else.

*The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.*

PROVERBS 11:3

INTEGRITY ACTS AS A GUIDE TO LIFE

Crookedness | שֶׁלֹּץ – sě'·lěp̄ - to twist or misrepresent for the purpose of leading to ruin.

*The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.*

PROVERBS 11:3

UNJUST GAIN LEADS TO JUSTIFIED LOSS

It can be tempting to forsake our integrity
when we see the wicked prospering.

BUT REMEMBER THIER END!

*Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.*

PROVERBS 11:4

¹ Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

² But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.

³ For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

PSALM 73:1-3

⁴ For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.

⁵ They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.

⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace;
violence covers them as a garment.

⁷ Their eyes swell out through fatness;
their hearts overflow with follies.

⁸ They scoff and speak with malice;
loftily they threaten oppression.

PSALM 73:4-8

⁹ They set their mouths against the heavens,
and their tongue struts through the earth.

¹⁰ Therefore his people turn back to them,
and find no fault in them.

¹¹ And they say, “How can God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?”

¹² Behold, these are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.

PSALM 73:9-12

¹⁶ But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
¹⁷ until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end....

PSALM 73:16-17

²⁷ For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

²⁸ But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

PSALM 73:27-28

⁴ Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.

PROVERBS 11:4

God intends that we
would see *the way*
of Christ in the way
of wisdom!

¹ O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;

³ who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

PSALM 15

⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the Lord;
 who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
⁵ who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
 He who does these things shall never be moved.

PSALM 15