

**A** Character matters

- Prov. 11:1** 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.
- 5** The righteousness of the blameless keeps his way straight,  
but the wicked falls by his own wickedness.
- 6** The righteousness of the upright delivers them,  
but the treacherous are taken captive by their lust.
- 7** When the wicked dies, his hope will perish,  
and the expectation of wealth perishes too.
- 8** The righteous is delivered from trouble,  
and the wicked walks into it instead.
- 9** With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor,  
but by knowledge the righteous are delivered.
- 10** When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,  
and when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness.
- 11** By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,  
but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.
- 12** Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,  
but a man of understanding remains silent.

**B** God cares

- Prov. 6:12** A worthless person, a wicked man,  
goes about with crooked speech,  
**13** winks with his eyes, signals with his feet,  
points with his finger,  
**14** with perverted heart devises evil,  
continually sowing discord;  
**15** therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly;  
in a moment he will be broken beyond healing.
- Prov. 6:16** There are six things that the LORD hates,  
seven that are an abomination to him:
- 17** haughty eyes, a lying tongue,  
and hands that shed innocent blood,  
**18** a heart that devises wicked plans,  
feet that make haste to run to evil,  
**19** a false witness who breathes out lies,  
and one who sows discord among brothers.

**Character traits (negative)**

anger, 29:22  
antisocial, 18:1  
beauty without discretion, 11:22  
blaming God, 19:3  
distasteful, 14:17  
greed versus trust, 28:25  
hatred, 29:27  
hot temper, 19:19  
inappropriate positions, 19:10  
jealousy, 27:4  
laziness, 26:13–15  
need versus desire, 27:7  
pride, 21:4, 24; 29:23; 30:13  
quarrelsomeness, 26:21  
self-conceit, 26:12, 16  
self-deceit, 28:11  
self-glory, 25:27  
self-righteousness, 30:12  
stubbornness, 29:1  
unfaithfulness, 25:19  
unmerciful, 21:13  
wicked, 21:10  
wicked expressions, 16:30

**Character traits (positive)**

compassion for animals, 12:10  
faithful love, 20:6  
faithfulness, 28:20  
humility, 29:23  
integrity, 25:26  
leadership, 30:19–31  
loyalty, 19:22  
noble wife, 12:4  
praiseworthy, 27:21  
reflected in thoughts, 27:19  
self-control, 17:27; 25:28; 29:11  
strength and honor, 20:29  
strength in adversity, 24:10  
teachable, 15:31