

No Guarantees

Proverbs 10 - 24

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Listen to the proverbs of Solomon; build your life around them. Teach your children the right way to live, and even when they are old they will not turn away from it. Hold the Lord your God in awe and seek wisdom, this is righteousness. Overcome foolishness and avoid wickedness.

The fool is trapped by his own lies; evil surrounds him; his ill-gotten gains bring him nothing but trouble; his cravings are thwarted; his hunger is never satisfied; what he dreads overtakes him; he is overwhelmed by disaster; he is a pawn in the hand of the righteous; shouts of joy accompany his downfall; he is insecure and unbalanced because of his wickedness; his lamp is snuffed out; his years are cut short, and no one remembers him.

The righteous one finds a way out of trouble; he is rewarded with prosperity, with great treasure; others honor him; the Lord provides him with plenty to eat; his desires are granted; no harm comes to him; he rules over the wicked; everyone rejoices in his success; he is firmly rooted and cannot be moved; his lamp burns brightly; the Lord prolongs his life, and after he's gone he holds a special place in the hearts of all who knew him.

Oh, sure, there are no guarantees. The proverbs of Solomon are not promises, but if you live according to his words, if you reverence the Lord, success is much more likely than if you live according to your own foolish ways.