

sermon notes

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Feb 4, 2024 | “The Way of the Righteous” | **Proverbs 10:1–16**

- 1) The righteous obtain _____
(10:1–5)

- 2) The righteous employ _____
(10:6–11)

- 3) The righteous walk _____
(10:12–16)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Proverbs 10:1–16. This is the second collection of Solomon’s Proverbs (10:1–22:16). How is this collection distinct from the first collection (1:1–9:18)? What are the similarities as well as differences?

In 10:1–5, Solomon talks about hard work and the provision of wealth. Is work a curse? Why or why not? Is wealth a curse? Why or why not? How do we bring our work and our wealth into obedience to God?

In 10:6–16, there are many warnings concerning speech and our use of the tongue. What does a fool use speech for? What about a wise person? How is the mouth of the righteous “a fountain of life” (10:11)?

In Proverbs 10:2, Solomon says, “righteousness delivers from death.” What does Solomon mean by “righteousness” in this verse? What does he mean by death? How is this different than Paul’s presentation of “righteousness” in the book of Romans (see especially Rom 1–5)?

GET PERSONAL

What does the Bible say about diligence vs. slothfulness? List three ways that “a slack hand” (10:4) can gradually creep into your life. Does hard work come naturally to you? What are some things that keep people from working hard? Why should we work hard at the office, at home, and at church?

Why does Solomon say, “death and life are in the power of the tongue” (18:21)? How so? Why does Solomon say, “Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble” (Prov 21:23)? Process these Proverbs in light of the gospel. What comfort does God offer us when we fail with our tongues?

ADVANCED QUESTION #1

What is parallelism? What’s the difference between synonymous and antithetical parallelism? Which is more prominent in Proverbs 10:1–22:16? See the following video for help with these questions:

<https://app.vidgrid.com/view/O5Zs4LBrrQAo>

ADVANCED QUESTION #2

What is the difference between a truism and a promise? How does that distinction change the way we read and apply the book of Proverbs? How does it help us to apply Proverbs 10:1–16?