



## Tonight's Message:

Lesson 16

### Comparison Of The Godly & The Wicked

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#### INTRODUCTION: Text: Proverbs 11:10-21

In the remaining chapters of Proverbs, Solomon contrasts the lifestyles of those who reject God and those who embrace Him.

#### I. THE CHARACTER OF A COMMUNITY'S CITIZENS — 11:10-13

Solomon states two principles for \_\_\_\_\_ a community.

##### 1. Uplift Righteousness & You Exalt Society

##### 2. Exalt The Righteous & You \_\_\_\_\_ Society

The health of any nation or community is directly related how it treats the upright and righteous. A wise government extols and exalts the righteous and vigorously surpasses the evil and wicked. The United States was founded by men who understood these principles and placed them in all foundational documents as they established this great country.

While there is a remarkable vocal Christian minority in America, much has changed:

- Secular Humanism has penetrated all levels of our society
- The Bible and prayer have been taken out of public schools
- The home has been affected - *As goes the home, so goes the \_\_\_\_\_, as goes the church, so goes the nation.*
- Drugs
- Pornography & Sodomy have overtaken our nation

The United States is in a crisis by enormous and private \_\_\_\_\_. The courts are lenient with criminals and punishment is often cut short. Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

## II. THOSE WHO HARM A COMMUNITY — 11:12-13

Solomon gives us a warning to not despise our \_\_\_\_\_.

### *The Talebearer* — 11:13

A talebearer is a malicious gossip who can do much harm. We are never more like \_\_\_\_\_ than when we gossip about others —the greatest talebearer in the universe is Satan himself.

The Holy Spirit tells us that Satan is the “*accuser of the brethren*” (Rev. 12:10). Satan \_\_\_\_\_ in parading our sins before God. He is the “*father of lies*” (John 8:44). Satan does not need to simply tell lies to God about us: most of what he often brings is true.

### *What happens when Satan accuses us?*

Rom. 8:33—When we are justified, it is as if we had never sinned. Our sins are blotted forever from \_\_\_\_\_ memory.

The Lord Jesus “conceals the matter”.

### *The competence of a community’s counsellors*

Some of the greatest questions to ask our elected leaders or those running for office is, “*who has made the biggest impact on your life?*”, “*Who do you read?*”, “*Who do you get advice from?*”.

## An Undesirable Practice — 11:15

Turning his attention now from national well-being to \_\_\_\_\_ well-being, Solomon mentions an undesirable practice: being ‘surety for a stranger’. The Bible warns us not to be a guarantor or co-signer on loans, especially if we do not know who it is that we are co-signing for (6:1-11). Jesus was our Guarantor—He came to this world to be surety for Adam’s ruined race (Matt. 25:35, Luke 24:18). Throughout the entire Old Testament period, the animal sacrifices were valid for only one reason: they were backed by a guarantee from \_\_\_\_\_ that, in time, the entire indebtedness would be paid. When Jesus came to earth, He stood surety for all human sin (2 Cor. 8:9, 1 Pet. 2:22-24, 1 Cor. 1:18-20).

## III. THE GRACIOUS WOMAN & THE STRONG MAN - 11:16

It is the work of Satan when a society devalues men and women. When we embrace our God-given roles, we are \_\_\_\_\_ and live the life of success in God’s eyes.