



Sermon Discussion Questions

The Consequences of Our Character (Prov. 11)
Proverbs: The Wisdom of God as a Way of Life
October 5, 2025 – Drew Hunter

Sermon Overview

Main Idea

The Book of Proverbs teaches us to see how the world was designed by God to work a certain way. Wisdom is learning to live well in God's world. Our character shapes our future and impacts the world around us. If you want your life to go well and to make an impact in the world around you, you must build and develop character. Proverbs 11 shows the consequences of character for ourselves and the world around us.

Sermon Outline

1. The Consequences of Character for Your Life (vv. 1–8)
2. The Consequences of Character for Everyone Else (vv. 9–14)
3. Test Case: Your Character and Your Wealth
4. The Consequences of Christ's Character for Ours

Discussion Questions

Initial Engagement

- What is the main idea of the text or on what did the sermon focus?

Deeper Reflection

1. Drew states, "Wisdom is a way of life. Every thought, every micro-decision, every word we speak – all of this flows from our character. If you want your life to work well and if you want to make a positive impact – it starts with building character." How does building character lead to better thoughts, actions, and outcomes?
2. Read Proverbs 11: 2. A prideful person has an exaggerated view of himself that is not aligned with reality. A humble person has an accurate view of himself, of God, and of others. Which would be more open and willing to build character? What are possible short term and long term outcomes for one who is humble versus proud?
3. Read Proverbs 11:3. Integrity is when your inner character matches your outward behavior. There is a straight line between your private life and your public life. What is the opposite characteristic to integrity? What are possible short term and long-term outcomes of living a life of integrity?
4. A person's character is revealed by his/her relationship to money. Read Proverbs 11: 1, 4, 7, 16 and 23-26. What example comes to mind of you being the 'victim' of someone gaining wealth deceitfully? What common practices could be viewed as deceitful means of gain?
5. We can all think of a person we know of 'high character'. What stands out? Which of their character traits do you wish to improve in your own life?

Final Response

- What is one thing you want to remember or one way you hope to change in light of this sermon or discussion?