

Day 11

For Related Study...

- Proverbs 2:9-14
- Proverbs 15:21
- Proverbs 29:9
- Ephesians 5:15

Proverbs 10:23

23 To do evil is like sport to a fool, But a man of understanding has wisdom.

Thoughts:

The English Standard Version translates today's verse as:

“Doing wrong is like a joke to a fool, but wisdom is pleasure to a man of understanding.” (Proverbs 10:23)

Unfortunately, for many, sinning has become nothing more than a joke. Even to those who would admit that their actions are wrong, those actions have become nothing more than a source of laughter.

This way of thinking has impacted, and influenced even those who claim that they are following the Lord. They have been convinced that their actions are so insignificant in their relationship with God, that they have no incentive to change from their sinful ways. They have been convinced that God's grace is there to allow them to continue to live without real change in their lives. They have been convinced that there is nothing they can do to lose their salvation. And so, they make a mockery of God's saving plan by making a joke of sin and worldliness. This is, according to the wise man, the actions of a fool!

The wise man will realize that there is nothing funny about sin. Rather than thinking that relationship with God is secure, despite his actions, the wise man will realize that sin harms his relationship with God (Isaiah 59:1-2). One who is wise will never see humor in his sinful practices!

Application:

Sin is no laughing matter. How do you respond to sin in your life? Is it something to make a joke of? Is it something that brings happiness to you? Or is it something that causes you to mourn because of what you have done to your relationship with God? If you would be a person of wisdom, then understand the seriousness of sin, and correct such practices before it is too late!