

Using Wisdom Wisely



"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid."

Proverbs 12:1

"Meditate on his Word Day and night, on his promises, on truths about who he is, on how he can be trusted, on how he is sovereign and in control." Proverbs 12:25

Assesses the Situation

(Assesses - evaluate or estimate the nature, ability, or quality of)

Think (have a particular opinion, belief, or idea about someone or something)

Learn the Facts (a thing that is known or proved to be true)

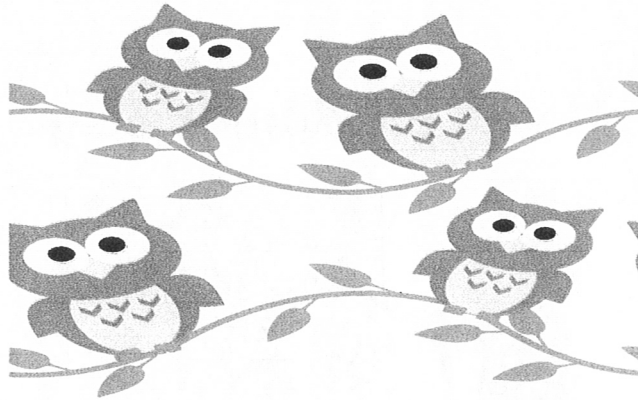
Understand the details (perceive the intended meaning of words; interpret or view something in a particular way)

Discern the situation (perceive or recognize something)

Prudence (being careful and wise in one's actions, exercising good judgment, managing affairs with foresight)

Action (something done, either a specific “act” or a process of doing something) **Wisdom** (the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise) Understand life from God’s perspective.





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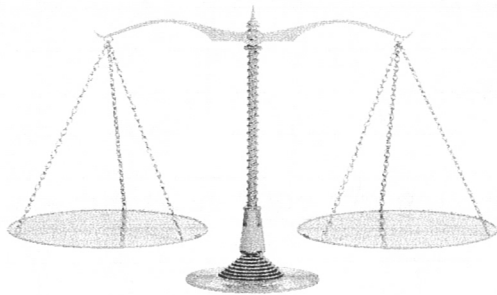
State the Problem you are going to resolve:

Learn the Facts:

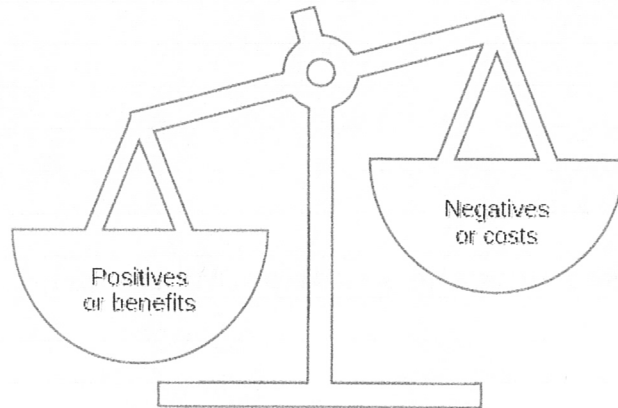
Understand the puzzling details:

Discerning the situation: What Scripture supports your decision?

What action will you take to resolve the problem?



Balanced Scale



Unbalanced Scale

Proverbs 11

“A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight.”

Main Message: The contrast between the outcomes of righteousness and wickedness, emphasizing that integrity, honesty, and generosity lead to lasting blessings, while dishonesty, pride, and deceit result in destruction. The chapter contrasts a “just weight” with a “false balance,” symbolizing that God delights in integrity in all interactions and detests dishonesty. Ultimately, it promotes wisdom and uprightness as the path to security and a flourishing life, both for the individual and the community.

Balance the scale. Read Proverbs 11 and place the concepts under the right scale.

Balanced Scale	Unbalanced Scale
integrity	Deceit
Righteousness	Wealth
Generosity	Selfishness
Community-city cheers Generosity- city flourish	Slander and gossip from the ungodly spread destruction
Integrity guides them	Perversity destroys

Righteousness brings deliverance from death-direct their path	Wicked fall by their own wickedness
Righteousness of the upright delivers them	Faithless are trapped by their own desires
The righteous man is delivered from trouble; in his place the wicked man goes in.	When the wicked man dies, his hope perishes, and the hope of his strength vanishes
Through knowledge the righteous are rescued.	The mouth the ungodly man destroys his neighbor.
When the righteous thrive, the city rejoices	When the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy.
The blessing of the upright a city is built up	the mouth of the wicked is torn down
A man of understanding remains silent	Contempt for his neighbor lacks judgment
Trustworthy person keeps a confidence	A gossip reveals a secret
Many counselors comes deliverance	Lack of guidance a nation fails
Hate indebtedness is secure	he who puts up security for a stranger will surely suffer
A gracious woman attains honor	Ruthless men gain only wealth
A kind man benefits himself	a cruel man brings trouble on himself
He who sows righteousness reaps a true reward	the wicked man earns an empty wage
Genuine righteousness leads to life	Pursuit of evil brings death
The blameless in their walk are His delight	the perverse in heart are an abomination to the Lord
The desire of the righteous leads only to good	Lack discretion a gold ring in a pig's snout
The offspring of the righteous will escape	The wicked will not go unpunished brings wrath
One gives freely, yet gains even more	Another withholds what is right, only to become poor
A generous soul will prosper, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.	The people will curse the hoarder of grain,

Blessing will crown the one who sells it.	
He who searches out good finds favor	Evil will come to him who seeks it
The righteous will thrive like foliage	He who trusts in his riches will fall
The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.	He who brings trouble on his house will inherit the wind and the fool will be servant to the wisdom of heart