

“When the Righteous Prosper . . .”

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 11:1-11

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Who usually rejoices when someone prospers? Verse 10 says the city rejoices. Why? “When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy.”

Four key words:

The city refers to everyone.

The righteous, Hebrew *tsaddiqim*, are those who work for justice.

To prosper is to have success in leadership, power and influence.

To rejoice expresses significant celebration.

Two points from this proverb to help us with growing outward:

1. The righteous have favour. Two facets of righteousness:

a) Positional, or legal, standing. Made right in Christ.

b) An ethical virtue. Live righteously.

2. You have influence through how you serve where you are.

How can you be the righteous where you work, live and play?

Through Jesus, a family of love, care, acceptance and growth.

1. It's not about us.

It's all about Jesus!

2. We are a multigenerational church.

We believe children, teenagers, and adults of all ages matter to God.

3. We believe grace matters.

It's never too late, and you are never too far away to become the person God created you to be.

4. We believe truth matters.

We believe practical, relevant teaching is the catalyst for transforming individual lives; Scripture is inspired by God, completely accurate and our authority.

5. We build strong relationships.

We love and show grace to one another.

6. We care for the broken and the hurting.

We are all on the journey towards faith in Christ.

7. As God's family we believe we are **Better Together!**

We are a community that builds up and supports one another.

8. We are committed to: **Growing Outward!**

Like a well-rooted tree that bears fruit, we are called to grow outward through serving and evangelism in our local area.