

Proverbs 11:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Analysis

The righteous produce fruit that gives life to others—their influence blesses and preserves. Winning souls demonstrates wisdom's outward orientation toward others' eternal good. This evangelistic dimension shows that wisdom compels mission, sharing the knowledge of God that brings salvation.

Historical Context

The tree of life imagery recalls Eden and anticipates Revelation 22:2. Those who walk with God mediate His life-giving grace to others, fulfilling the Abrahamic promise that through Abraham's seed all nations would be blessed.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does your life produce fruit that benefits others spiritually?

2. What opportunities for soul-winning is God placing before you?

Interlinear Text

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The fruit	of the righteous	is a tree	of life	and he that winneth	souls
H6529	H6662	H6086	H2416	H3947	H5315
חָכָם:					
is wise					
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Additional Cross-References

Daniel 12:3 (Righteousness): And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

James 5:20 (Parallel theme): Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Proverbs 15:4 (Parallel theme): A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

Matthew 4:19 (Parallel theme): And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

John 4:36 (Parallel theme): And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

1 Thessalonians 2:19 (Parallel theme): For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

Proverbs 3:18 (Parallel theme): She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

