

Cast your bread upon the waters**Review**

1. To cultivate nobility...good character in our lives
2. To avoid being foolish in our ways
3. Understand how nobility affects all that we do

More proverbial sayings

1. Solomon provides more proverbial sayings
2. It has to do with giving
3. There is wisdom in his sayings about giving

Showing generosity

1. Casting bread

"Cast your bread upon the waters," Eccl 11:1

- a) A proverbial saying ... A figure of speech
- b) Bread cast into the river will flow away
- c) It is showing generosity by giving money to those in need

2. There will be good returns

"For you will find it after many days." Eccl 11:1

3. Giving more

"Give a serving to seven, and also to eight," Eccl 11:2

4. Warning about evil

"For you do not know what evil will be on the earth." Eccl 11:2

The perspective of Proverbs

1. Proverbs 11:25

"The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself."

2. Proverbs 22:9

"He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor."

Making observations

1. Observers of the clouds and wind

2. Understanding clouds

"If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth;" Eccl 11:3

3. Understanding trees

"And if a tree falls to the south or the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it shall lie."
Eccl 11:3

4. Using observations concerning work

"He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap."
Eccl 11:4

5. True wisdom

Lessons to be learned

1. To learn to give to those in need

2. Seek to give generously and understand its blessings

3. A challenge from Paul

"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor 9:6-7

4. Use our minds well regarding work

5. To have true wisdom and knowledge to understand things well