

PROVERBS 12 - Wise Sayings of Solomon!

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The Proverbs of Solomon

- **We want to continue in our study in the book of Proverbs.** Solomon wrote some three thousand proverbs, not all of them are recorded in the bible. But in the first chapter he tells us the purpose of the proverbs, and that is a method by which a person might be instructed, in the way of wisdom, in the way of righteousness, judgment, equity, to bring knowledge and discretion.
- **As we get into chapter ten, to chapter 22, we actually get into the proverbs of Solomon.** Up to that, he's been talking of the value, and the importance of wisdom, of understanding, of righteousness. Now he gives us the proverbs, in which he is extolling still the importance of righteousness, the importance of diligence, the importance of wisdom.
- **He gives to us these proverbs, generally in the form of contrast.** The first proverb of chapter twelve, he is contrasting the person who loves instruction with the person who hates reproof. There are some people who are open to instruction. They are doing something wrong, and you say, "Hey man you are doing that wrong. You ought to be doing it this way." "Oh thanks! Yeah, I was worried about that!" They love instruction. There are others who hate reproof. "Leave me alone! I know what I am doing!," you know, and they hate reproof. So...

Pro 12:1 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But (25x in chap) he who hates correction is stupid.

Pro 12:2 A good man obtains favor from the LORD, But a man of wicked (9x in chap) intentions He will condemn (smash).

- **Contrast the good man with the wicked man** in the second verse.
- **So good and evil. They are in constant contrast.** I have the choice to live a good life, or I have the choice to live a wicked life, if I so desire. It is tragic that some people have chosen to live a wicked life. But if you have, know this, you are going to be condemned by God. "The good man will obtain favor of the Lord (not necessarily from man), but the man of wicked devices, condemnation." Again, the contrast to the wicked, and the righteous.

Pro 12:3 A man is not established by wickedness, But the root of the righteous (8x in chap) cannot be moved.

- **Now that is a permanent kind of a thing. Wickedness you might prosper for a while.** You might seem to be very successful for a while, but it will catch up with you. You cannot be established by wickedness. You are building on a foundation of sand, when the storm comes, it is going to crumble. The whole structure that you have built. You cannot be established on wickedness.
- **but the root of the righteous cannot be moved. You have been rooted in righteousness,** and, and thus, you will stand.
- **(Mat 7:24-26)** "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: [25] and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. [26] "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

Pro 12:4 An excellent wife is the crown (seen) of her husband, But she who causes shame is like rotteness (unseen) in his bones.

- **An excellent wife is the crown of her husband. He is going to have quite a bit to say** about the virtuous woman in later proverbs. He is also going to have much to say about cantankerous women too. But "A virtuous woman," he said, "who can find her?" he said. "Her price is far above rare rubies." Then he describes the characteristics of a virtuous woman, and "her children will rise up ultimately, and call her blessed."
- **But she who causes shame is like rotteness to his bones. So, the contrast** to the righteous woman, and the one that makes ashamed

Pro 12:5 *The thoughts of the righteous are right, But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.*

Pro 12:6 *The words of the wicked are, "Lie in wait for blood," But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.*

- *The thoughts of the righteous are right:* That seems to be very logical doesn't it? *but the counsels of the wicked are deceitful. The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.*
- **That is, deliver them from those** who would lie in wait.

Pro 12:7 *The wicked are overthrown and are no more, But the house of the righteous will stand.*

Pro 12:8 *A man will be commended according to his wisdom, But he who is of a perverse heart (warped mind) will be despised.*

- *The wicked are overthrown, and are not:* They come to an end. *but the house of the righteous shall stand. A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse will be despised. So, wisdom contrasted with a perverse heart, "he will be despised."*
- **You do despise a person with a perverse heart!** However, the man who has wisdom is always esteemed, commended. Now this is just an interesting proverb, and there is a lot of truth to it.

Pro 12:9 *Better is the one who is slighted but has a servant, Than he who honors himself but lacks bread.*

- **A man goes around in a lot of pride and all, but he really is lacking bread.** He is worse off than the guy who is despised, but at least he has a servant.

Pro 12:10 *A righteous man regards (was thankful) the life of his animal (oxen, sheep), But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.*

- *A righteous man regards the life of his animal.* It speaks about a person who is, is a righteous person, and is kind towards animals. He considers them as God's creation. You see a guy who is mean and cruel to an animal, he is not really a righteous man. "A righteous man regards the life of his beast."
- *But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.* Even, even the best of the wicked is bad, is what he is saying. "The tender mercies," which would be the best characteristic of the wicked, "they are cruel." When you

Pro 12:11 *He who tills his land (your ministry?) will be satisfied with bread, But he who follows frivolity is devoid of understanding.*

Pro 12:12 *The wicked covet the catch of evil men, But the root of the righteous yields fruit.*

- **Getting to the cruel aspects of the wicked, they are totally cruel.** The contrast of the righteous again, with the lazy.
- *He that tills his land, the fellow who goes out and plows, shall be satisfied with bread: but he who follows frivolity is devoid of understanding.*
- *The wicked covet the catch of evil men, But the root of the righteous yields fruit.* Now we saw that the righteous will stand, they will be rooted, they will not be moved. "The root of the righteous will not be moved." Here, the root of the righteous will bear fruit, where the wicked desires to trap others.

Pro 12:13 *The wicked is ensnared by the transgression of his lips (lying), But the righteous will come through trouble.*

- **Now the wicked and the just.** Now what this is saying is that, the wicked man gets trapped by his own words, so often a person has in bragging about his sin, been caught.

Pro 12:14 *A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth, And (added to it) the recompense of a man's hands will be rendered to him.*

- **Now, "the wicked are snared by the transgression of their lips."** But "a man shall be satisfied with the, with the good by the fruit of his mouth." The work that you do will bring you a reward.

Pro 12:15 *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.*

- *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes:* Have you ever seen that?

Pro 12:16 *A fool's wrath* (shows annoyance at once) **is known at once, But a prudent man covers** (overlooks) **shame.**

- **It is talking about a guy who is short tempered.** A fool's wrath is presently known. He makes no discretion, no attempt to cover. He just blows off at the mouth without even thinking.
- **But a prudent man covereth shame.** He keeps it quiet.

Pro 12:17 *He who speaks truth declares righteousness, But a false witness, deceit.*

- **So, the contrast between a person who speaks truth, and the person who lies.**

Pro 12:18 *There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health.*

- **Now this, of course, is something that we have all observed.** By your words you can cut a person to pieces. There are some words that just cut like a sword. People use their tongues like a sword, to cut others to pieces. The power of the word, the spoken word, to another person. You can just cut them to pieces with your words. Or, the power to heal, the person who is discouraged, a person who is broken, words can be such healing balm to them. By your words you can bring healing, you can bring comfort, you can bring encouragement. How important it is that, as we speak to others, we speak those words that will edify, that will heal, rather than words that cut and destroy. (1Ch 4:10) *And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.*

Pro 12:19 *The truthful lip shall be established forever, But a lying tongue is but for a moment.*

- **The lip of truth shall be established for ever:** Truth will stand, it will endure. (Psa 73:17) *Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end.*

Pro 12:20 *Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy.*

Pro 12:21 *No grave trouble will overtake (long term) the righteous, But the wicked shall be filled with evil.*

- **No grave trouble will overtake the righteous.** Now that is a difficult proverb to comprehend. Because, we have seen evil happen to the just. But, what he is referring to is the long-term effect. If I am just, if I walk before the Lord in faith, what appears to be evil at the moment, God will use for good. God will turn it around for my good. So, often times we say, "Well you know there is no evil for the just, but look what's happened to him!," but wait! You see, again we are guilty of judging the story before we get to the final chapter. Before we see the full cycle. At this point of time, it looks like it is horrible, at this point of time, I cannot understand it. At this point of time, I am prone to complain, and challenge God. But when it goes full cycle, and I see the end result, I say, "Oh isn't the Lord wise? Look what the Lord did! Now I really thought that this was disaster! But the Lord turned the thing around!" you know, and you see the full cycle, and thus when it comes full cycle, in the final analysis, nothing happens to me but what God does not allow it to happen. If God allows it to happen, there is a good purpose for me in it, or else, God would not allow it. So, God watches over the just, and no evil shall happen to the just. **But the wicked shall be filled with evil.**

Pro 12:22 *Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.*

- **Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD.** You know sometimes when you try to lie your way out of a situation, and then you are caught. Think of this Proverb!
- **But those who deal truthfully are His delight** The Lord delights in your speaking the truth. Now again, you see, God wants a person to speak the truth, rather than to lie. So, God says, "Lying is wrong, speaking the truth is right." Now do you agree with that or not? You know, it, the Bible really extols what is good, what is right, and in, in the declaring what is right, it says, "The truth is right, you should tell the truth. Telling a lie is wrong."
- **You do not really get that naturally do you? You have to be taught that.** Why? Because by nature, I am a sinner. So, you do not have to teach your little kid to lie. "Did you eat that cookie?" "No, I didn't eat that cookie!," and here are crumbs all over his mouth, you know. So, you have to sit down and teach them that it is important to tell the truth. You should never tell a lie. Lying seems to come very naturally. But the Bible tells us that we should speak the truth to all men. "Lying lips are an abomination."

Pro 12:23 A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

- **The prudent man.** The wise man is contrasted with the fool again. The prudent man *conceals knowledge: but the heart of the fools proclaims foolishness.*

Pro 12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule, But the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

Pro 12:25 Anxiety in the heart (the heavy heart) of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

- (Mat 9:2c) "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

Pro 12:26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Pro 12:27 The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, But diligence is man's precious possession.

- **Then the lazy man does not roast what he hunted!** You go out and kill but you do not even cook it, you know, you do not roast it. But diligence is man's precious possession! So, the lazy with the diligent.

Pro 12:28 In the way of righteousness is life, And in its way there is no death.

- **The contrasting again of righteousness and wickedness,** but this one is not a contrast. It is just a declaration now, sort of a summation of this series of proverbs in which he has been contrasting righteousness with wickedness. "In the way of righteousness is life."
- **And in its pathway there is no death!** "The path of righteousness is the path of eternal life, in that path there is no death." Death from a scriptural standpoint, no separation from God.

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL – Latin Hymn – Wade – Boyle, Presley (2:53)

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, glory in the highest. O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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