

Proverbs 12 - Wisdom and Wickedness Contrasted

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Proverbs 12

(e) Stability (12:1-4)

1 One who loves discipline loves knowledge, But one who hates rebuke is stupid.

1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, But he who hates reproof is stupid.

1 The person who loves correction loves knowledge, but anyone who hates a rebuke is stupid.

1 Whoso loveth instruction loves knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

2 A good person will obtain favor from the LORD, But He will condemn a person who devises evil.

2 A good man will obtain favor from the LORD, But He will condemn a man who devises evil.

2 The good person will gain favor from the LORD, but the man who plots evil will be condemned by him.

2 A good man obtains favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

3 A person will not be established by wickedness, But the root of the righteous will not be moved.

3 A man will not be established by wickedness, But the root of the righteous will not be moved.

3 A person doesn't gain security by wickedness, but the righteous won't be uprooted.

3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who shames *him* is like rottenness in his bones.

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4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband, but a wife who puts him to shame is like bone cancer.

4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

(f) Character, behavior, and results (12:5-8)

5 The thoughts of the righteous are just, *But* the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

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5 The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

6 The words of the wicked wait in ambush for blood, But the mouth of the upright will rescue them.

6 The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.

6 The words of the wicked lead to bloodshed, but the speech of the upright delivers them.

6 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

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

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7 After they're overthrown, the wicked won't be found, but the house of the righteous stands firm.

7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8 A person will be praised according to his insight, But one of perverse mind will be despised.

8 A man will be praised according to his insight, But one of perverse mind will be despised.

8 A man is praised because of his wise words, but the perverted mind will be despised.

8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

(g) Domestic relationships (12:9-12)

9 Better is one who is lightly esteemed and has a servant, Than one who honors himself and lacks bread.

9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed and has a servant Than he who honors himself and lacks bread.

9 It's better to be unimportant, yet have a servant, than to pretend to be important, but lack food.

9 He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

10 A righteous person has regard for the life of his animal, But *even* the compassion of the wicked is cruel.

10 A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal, But *even* the compassion of the wicked is cruel.

10 The righteous person looks out for the welfare of his livestock, but even the compassion of the wicked is cruel.

10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

11 One who works his land will have plenty of bread, But one who pursues worthless *things* lacks sense.

11 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, But he who pursues worthless *things* lacks sense.

11 Whoever tills his soil will have a lot to eat, but anyone who pursues fantasies lacks sense.

11 He that tills his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that follows vain persons is void of understanding.

12 The wicked person desires the plunder of evil people, But the root of the righteous yields *fruit*.

12 The wicked man desires the booty of evil men, But the root of the righteous yields *fruit*.

12 The wicked desires what evil people gain, but the foundation of the righteous is productive.

12 The wicked desires the net of evil men: but the root of the righteous yields fruit.

(h) Speaking (12:13-23)

13 An evil person is ensnared by the offense of his lips, But the righteous will escape from trouble.

13 An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips, But the righteous will escape from trouble.

13 An evil man's sinful speech ensnares him, but the righteous person escapes from trouble.

13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

14 A person will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words, And the deeds of a person's hands will return to him.

14 A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words, And the deeds of a man's hands will return to him.

14 By his fruitful speech a man can remain satisfied, and a man's handiwork will reward him.

14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a person who listens to advice is wise.

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

15 The lifestyle of the fool is right in his own opinion, but wise is the man who listens to advice.

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkens unto counsel is wise.

16 A fool's anger is known at once, But a prudent person conceals dishonor.

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16 The anger of a fool becomes readily apparent, but the prudent person overlooks an insult.

16 A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.

17 One *who* declares truth tells what is right, But a false witness, deceit.

17 He who speaks truth tells what is right, But a false witness, deceit.

17 The truth teller speaks what is right, but the false witness speaks what is deceitful.

17 He that speaks truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.

18 There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing.

18 There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing.

18 Some speak rashly like the cutting of a sword, but what the wise say promotes healing.

18 There is that speaks like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

19 Truthful lips will endure forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment.

19 Truthful lips will be established forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment.

19 A truthful saying is trusted forever, but the liar only for a moment.

19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

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

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20 Deceit is at home in the heart of those who plan evil, but those who promote peace rejoice.

20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.

21 No harm happens to the righteous, But the wicked are filled with trouble.

21 No harm befalls the righteous, But the wicked are filled with trouble.

21 No harm overwhelms the righteous, but the wicked overflow with trouble.

21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

22 Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal faithfully are His delight.

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22 Deceitful speech is reprehensible to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight.

22 Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

23 A prudent person conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

23 A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims folly.

23 A prudent man keeps what he knows to himself, but the hearts of fools shout forth their foolishness.

23 A prudent man conceals knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

(i) Industriousness (12:24-27)

24 The hand of the diligent will rule, But the lazy *hand* will be put to forced labor.

24 The hand of the diligent will rule, But the slack *hand* will be put to forced labor.

24 The diligent will take control, but the lazy will be put to forced labor.

24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

25 Anxiety in a person's heart weighs it down, But a good word makes it glad.
25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, But a good word makes it glad.
25 A person's anxiety weighs down his heart, but an appropriate word is encouraging.
25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

26 The righteous person is a guide to his neighbor, But the way of the wicked leads them astray.

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26 The righteous person is cautious with respect to his neighbor, but the lifestyle of the wicked leads them astray.

26 The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

27 A lazy person does not roast his prey, But the precious possession of a person *is* diligence.

27 A lazy man does not roast his prey, But the precious possession of a man *is* diligence.

27 The lazy person does not roast what he has hunted, but diligence is one's most important possession.

27 The slothful man roasts not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

(j) Reward of life (12:28)

28 In the way of righteousness there is life, And in *its* pathway there is no death.

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28 In the pathway to righteousness there is life, and in that lifestyle there is no death.

28 In the way of righteousness is life: and in the pathway thereof there is no death.