

# The Book of Proverbs

## Chapter 12

### *Wisdom and Wickedness Contrasted*

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## Proverbs 12:1

### *Wisdom and Wickedness Contrasted*

(Pro 12:1 ISV\*) ¶ The person who loves correction loves knowledge,  
but anyone who hates a rebuke is stupid.

(Pro 12:1 KJV+) Whoso loveth<sup>H157</sup> instruction<sup>H4148</sup> loveth<sup>H157</sup> knowledge:<sup>H1847</sup>  
but he that hateth<sup>H8130</sup> reproof<sup>H8433</sup> is brutish.<sup>H1198</sup>

(Pro 12:1 NASB) Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,  
But he who hates reproof is stupid.

(Pro 12:1 NIV) Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,  
but he who hates correction is stupid.

[but he that hateth reproof is brutish] He is as stupid as an animal (cp. *Prov 30:2; Ps 49:10; 73:22; 92:6.*)

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## Proverbs 12:2

(Pro 12:2 ISV\*) ¶ The good person will gain favor from the LORD,  
but the man who plots evil will be condemned by him.

(Pro 12:2 KJV+) A good<sup>H2896</sup> man obtaineth<sup>H6329</sup> favour<sup>H7522</sup> of the LORD:<sup>H4480 H3068</sup>  
but a man<sup>H376</sup> of wicked devices<sup>H4209</sup> will he condemn.<sup>H7561</sup>

(Pro 12:2 NASB) A good man will obtain favor from the LORD,  
But He will condemn a man who devises evil.

(Pro 12:2 NIV) A good man obtains favor from the LORD,  
but the LORD condemns a crafty man.

God gives grace to the righteous, but condemns the wicked  
(*James 4:5-11*).

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## Proverbs 12:3

(Pro 12:3 ISV\*) ¶ A person doesn't gain security by wickedness,  
but the righteous won't be uprooted.

(Pro 12:3 KJV+) A man<sup>H120</sup> shall not<sup>H3808</sup> be established<sup>H3559</sup> by wickedness:<sup>H7562</sup>  
but the root<sup>H8328</sup> of the righteous<sup>H6662</sup> shall not<sup>H1077</sup> be moved.<sup>H4131</sup>

(Pro 12:3 NASB) A man will not be established by wickedness,  
But the root of the righteous will not be moved.

(Pro 12:3 NIV) A man cannot be established through wickedness,  
but the righteous cannot be uprooted.

Lawlessness will not establish a man, but righteousness will.

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## Proverbs 12:4

(Pro 12:4 ISV\*) ¶ A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband, but a wife <sup>[Lit. *but she*]</sup> who puts him to shame is like bone cancer. <sup>[Lit. *decay*]</sup>

(Pro 12:4 KJV+) A virtuous<sup>H2428</sup> woman<sup>H802</sup> is a crown<sup>H5850</sup> to her husband:<sup>H1167</sup>  
but she that maketh ashamed<sup>H954</sup> is as rottenness<sup>H7538</sup> in his bones.<sup>H6106</sup>

(Pro 12:4 NASB) An excellent wife is the crown of her husband,  
But she who shames *him* is like rottenness in his bones.

(Pro 12:4 NIV) A wife of noble character is her husband's crown,  
but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones.

(Prov 12:4 RSV) A good wife is the crown of her husband,  
but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones.  
(Proverbs 12:4 RSV)

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## Proverbs 12:4

### Ten Crowns in Scripture (*Prov 12:4*)

1. Crown of honor (*Prov 12:4; 17:6; Est 8:15; Job 19:9*)
2. Crown of kings (*2 Sam 12:30; Est 1:11; 2:17; Rev 19:12-16*)
3. High Priest's crown (*Ex 29:6*)
4. Crown of pride (*Isa 28:1-5*)
5. Crown of thorns (*Matt 27:29; Mark 15:17; John 19:2-5*)
6. Crown of glory (*1 Peter 5:4; Prov 4:9; 16:31; Isa 62:3*)
7. Crown of righteousness (*2 Tim 4:8*)
8. Crown of life (*James 1:12; Rev 2:10*)
9. Corruptible crown (*1 Cor 9:25*)
10. Soul winner's crown (*1 Thess 2:19*)

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## Proverbs 12:4

(Pro 12:4 NASB) An excellent wife is the crown of her husband,  
But she who shames *him* is like rottenness in his bones.

[virtuous] Hebrew: **chayil** (OT:2428), strength of mind or body (*Ruth 3:11; Prov 12:4; 31:10,29*).

A morally strong woman is a crown to her husband, but the morally weak contracts and transmits destructive diseases.

[crown] Hebrew: **atarah** (OT:5850), crown.

Used here as an emblem of honor (cp. *Est 8:15; Job 19:9; Prov 4:9; 14:24; 16:31; 17:6; Isa 28:1-5; 62:3*).

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## Proverbs 12:5

(Pro 12:5 ISV\*) ¶ The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.

(Pro 12:5 KJV+) The thoughts<sup>H4284</sup> of the righteous<sup>H6662</sup> are right:<sup>H4941</sup>  
*but* the counsels<sup>H8458</sup> of the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> are deceit.<sup>H4820</sup>

(Pro 12:5 NASB) The thoughts of the righteous are just, *But* the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

(Pro 12:5 NIV) The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.

[thoughts] Hebrew: **machshebowth** (OT:4284), devices, plans (*Prov 12:5; 15:26; 16:3; 21:5; Gen 6:5; Ps 33:11; 40:5; 56:5; 94:11; Isa 55:7-8*).

[deceit] Hebrew: **mirmah** (OT:4820), cheating, deception (*Prov 12:5,17,20; 14:8,25; 26:24*).

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## Proverbs 12:5

**(Pro 12:5 NASB)** The thoughts of the righteous are just,  
*But* the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

[counsels of the wicked]

Six examples of wicked counselors:

1. Korah and company (**Num 16**)
2. Jeroboam (**1 Kings 12:28**)
3. Sanballat (**Neh 6:2**)
4. Haman (**Est 3:5-8**)
5. Herod (**Matt 2:8,16**)
6. Judas (**John 12:4-6**)

## Proverbs 12:7

**(Pro 12:7 ISV\*)** ¶ After they're overthrown, the wicked won't be found,  
but the house of the righteous stands firm.

**(Pro 12:7 KJV+)** The wicked<sup>H7563</sup> are overthrown,<sup>H2015</sup> and are not:<sup>H369</sup>  
but the house<sup>H1004</sup> of the righteous<sup>H6662</sup> shall stand.<sup>H5975</sup>

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

**(Pro 12:7 NIV)** Wicked men are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous stands firm.

## Proverbs 12:6

**(Pro 12:6 ISV\*)** ¶ The words of the wicked lead to <sup>[Lit. wicked lie in wait for]</sup> bloodshed,  
but the speech of the upright delivers them.

**(Pro 12:6 KJV+)** The words<sup>H1697</sup> of the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> are to lie in wait<sup>H693</sup> for blood:<sup>H1818</sup>  
but the mouth<sup>H6310</sup> of the upright<sup>H3477</sup> shall deliver<sup>H5337</sup> them.

**(Pro 12:6 NASB)** The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,  
But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.

**(Pro 12:6 NIV)** The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,  
but the speech of the upright rescues them.

[words] Hebrew: **dabar** (OT:1697), speech.

The speech or talk of the wicked concerns murder, but the words of the innocent deliver them from the plans of the wicked.

## Proverbs 12:7

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

Three examples of the wicked being overthrown:

1. Pre-Adamites (**Gen 1:2; Isa 14:12-14; Jer 4:23-26; 2 Peter 3:5-7**)
2. Antediluvians (**Gen 6-8**)
3. Sodom and Gomorrah (**Gen 19**)

Three examples of righteous houses standing:

1. Abraham (**Gen 17:19; Luke 1:70-73**)
2. David (**2 Sam 7; Ps 89:3-4**)
3. Jacob (**Luke 1:32-33**)

## Proverbs 12:8

(Pro 12:8 ISV\*) ¶ A man is praised because of his wise words,  
but the perverted mind [Lit. *heart*] will be despised.

(Pro 12:8 KJV+) A man<sup>H376</sup> shall be commended<sup>H1984</sup> according<sup>H6310</sup> to his wisdom;<sup>H7922</sup>  
but he that is of a perverse<sup>H5753</sup> heart<sup>H3820</sup> shall be<sup>H1961</sup> despised.<sup>H937</sup>

(Pro 12:8 NASB) A man will be praised according to his insight,  
But one of perverse mind will be despised.

(Pro 12:8 NIV) A man is praised according to his wisdom,  
but men with warped minds are despised.

## Proverbs 12:9

(Pro 12:9 ISV\*) ¶ It's better to be unimportant, yet have a servant,  
than to pretend to be important, but lack food.

(Pro 12:9 KJV+) *He that is despised*,<sup>H7034</sup> and hath a servant,<sup>H5650</sup> *is better*<sup>H2896</sup> than he that honoureth himself,<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H3513</sup> and lacketh<sup>H2638</sup> bread.<sup>H3899</sup>

(Pro 12:9 NASB) Better is he who is lightly esteemed and has a servant  
Than he who honors himself and lacks bread.

(Pro 12:9 NIV) Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant than pretend to be somebody and have no food.

The poor man who provides for himself is better than the proud who lacks bread.

## Proverbs 12:8

(Pro 12:8 NASB) A man will be praised according to his insight,  
But one of perverse mind will be despised.

[wisdom] Hebrew: **sekel** (OT:7922), insight.

Translated: wisdom (*Prov 12:8; 23:9*);  
understanding (*Prov 3:4; 13:15; 16:22*); and  
discretion (*Prov 19:11*).

### Four examples of commending wisdom:

1. Joseph (*Gen 41:39*)
2. David (*2 Sam 14:17-20*)
3. Daniel (*Dan 5:16*)
4. Paul (*2 Peter 3:15-16*)

### Three examples of being despised:

1. Hophni and Phinehas (*1 Sam 1:3-2:30*)
2. Nabal (*1 Sam 25:2,17*)
3. The prodigal son (*Luke 15:15-16*)

## Proverbs 12:10

(Pro 12:10 ISV\*) ¶ The righteous person looks out for the welfare of his livestock,  
but even [The Heb. lacks *even*] the compassion of the wicked is cruel.

(Pro 12:10 KJV+) A righteous<sup>H6662</sup> *man* regardeth<sup>H3045</sup> the life<sup>H5315</sup> of his beast;<sup>H929</sup>  
but the tender mercies<sup>H7356</sup> of the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> are cruel.<sup>H394</sup>

(Pro 12:10 NASB) A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal,  
But even the compassion of the wicked is cruel.

(Pro 12:10 NIV) A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal,  
but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.

The righteous are merciful, but the wicked are not.

## Proverbs 12:11

(Pro 12:11 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever tills his soil will have a lot to eat,  
but anyone who pursues fantasies lacks sense. [Lit. heart]

(Pro 12:11 KJV+) He that tilleth<sup>H5647</sup> his land<sup>H127</sup> shall be satisfied<sup>H7646</sup> with bread.<sup>H3899</sup>  
but he that followeth<sup>H7291</sup> vain<sup>H7386</sup> persons is void<sup>H2638</sup> of understanding.<sup>H3820</sup>

(Pro 12:11 NASB) He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,  
But he who pursues worthless *things* lacks sense.

(Pro 12:11 NIV) He who works his land will have abundant food,  
but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment.

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## Proverbs 12:12

(Pro 12:12 ISV\*) ¶ The wicked desires what evil people gain,  
but the foundation [Or roof] of the righteous is productive.

(Pro 12:12 KJV+) The wicked<sup>H7563</sup> desireth<sup>H2530</sup> the net<sup>H4685</sup> of evil<sup>H7451</sup> men:  
but the root<sup>H8328</sup> of the righteous<sup>H6662</sup> yieldeth<sup>H5414</sup> fruit.

(Pro 12:12 NASB) The wicked man desires the booty of evil men,

But the root of the righteous yields *fruit*.

(Pro 12:12 NIV) The wicked desire the plunder of evil men,  
but the root of the righteous flourishes.

The wicked desire the prey taken in the net of other evil men,  
but the root of the righteous is made sure.

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## Proverbs 12:11

(Pro 12:11 NASB) He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,  
But he who pursues worthless *things* lacks sense.

[He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread]

Two examples of tilling:

1. Isaac (**Gen 26:12**)
2. Jacob (**Gen 30:14; cp. Prov 28:19**)

[he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding]

Two examples of following vain persons:

1. Abimelech (**Judg 9; cp. Prov 24:21**)
2. Theudas (**Acts 5:36-37**)

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## Proverbs 12:13

(Pro 12:13 ISV\*) ¶ An evil man's sinful speech ensnares him,  
but the righteous person escapes from trouble.

(Pro 12:13 KJV+) The wicked<sup>H7451</sup> is snared<sup>H4170</sup> by the transgression<sup>H6588</sup> of his lips:<sup>H8193</sup>  
but the just<sup>H6662</sup> shall come out<sup>H3318</sup> of trouble.<sup>H4480 H6869</sup>

(Pro 12:13 NASB) An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips,  
But the righteous will escape from trouble.

(Pro 12:13 NIV) An evil man is trapped by his sinful talk,  
but a righteous man escapes trouble.

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## Proverbs 12:13

**(Pro 12:13 NASB) An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips,  
But the righteous will escape from trouble.**

Five examples of being snared by own lips:

1. Korah (**Num 16:1-3,31-35; Ps 64:8**)
2. The Amalekite (**2 Sam 1:2-16**)
3. Adonijah (**1 Kings 2:23**)
4. Daniel's accusers (**Dan 6:24**)
5. Jews (**Matt 27:25**)

Three examples of deliverance:

1. Joshua and Caleb (**Num 14:10,24,30**)
2. Esther and her people (**Est 7:3-9:25**)
3. Peter (**Acts 11:2-18; 12:3-18**)

## Proverbs 12:14

**(Pro 12:14 ISV\*) ¶ By his fruitful speech a man can remain satisfied,  
and a man's handiwork will reward him.**

**(Pro 12:14 KJV+) A man<sup>H376</sup> shall be satisfied<sup>H7646</sup> with good<sup>H2896</sup> by the fruit<sup>H4480 H6529</sup> of his mouth:<sup>H6310</sup>  
and the recompence<sup>H1576</sup> of a man's<sup>H120</sup> hands<sup>H3027</sup> shall be rendered<sup>H7725</sup> unto him.**

**(Pro 12:14 NASB) 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.**

**(Pro 12:14 NIV) From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things  
as surely as the work of his hands rewards him.**

A good man shall be satisfied with the fruit of his lips, and he will reap the good that he sows (**Gal 6:7-8**).

## Proverbs 12:15

**(Pro 12:15 ISV\*) ¶ The lifestyle of the fool is right in his own opinion,  
but wise is the man who listens to advice.**

**(Pro 12:15 KJV+) The way<sup>H1870</sup> of a fool<sup>H191</sup> is right<sup>H3477</sup> in his own eyes:<sup>H5869</sup>  
but he that hearkeneth<sup>H8085</sup> unto counsel<sup>H6098</sup> is wise.<sup>H2450</sup>**

**(Pro 12:15 NASB) The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,  
But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.**

**(Pro 12:15 NIV) The way of a fool seems right to him,  
but a wise man listens to advice.**

A fool will not listen to wise counsel as will the wise.

## Proverbs 12:16-22

Verses 16 -22 give a little discourse on the tongue and the dangers and the blessings of it:

***The vexation of a fool is known at once,  
but the prudent man ignores an insult. (Pro 12:16 RSV)***

A fool blurts out what he feels and never tries to control himself.

He simply reacts to everything that comes along.

But the prudent man learns to control himself, ignoring insults and moving to the heart of the matter.

## Proverbs 12:16

(Pro 12:16 ISV\*) ¶ The anger of a fool becomes readily apparent,  
but the prudent person overlooks an insult.

(Pro 12:16 KJV+) A fool's<sup>H191</sup> wrath<sup>H3708</sup> is presently<sup>H3117</sup> known:<sup>H3045</sup>  
but a prudent<sup>H6175</sup> man covereth<sup>H3680</sup> shame.<sup>H7036</sup>

(Pro 12:16 NASB) A fool's anger is known at once,  
But a prudent man conceals dishonor.

(Pro 12:16 NIV) A fool shows his annoyance at once,  
but a prudent man overlooks an insult.

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## Proverbs 12:16

(Pro 12:16 NASB) A fool's anger is known at once,  
But a prudent man conceals dishonor.

[A fool's wrath] A fool will make his wrath known at once  
when he is offended, but a wise man will hold his peace.

Four examples of a fool's wrath:

1. Jehoram (**2 Kings 6:31**)
2. Jezebel (**1 Kings 19:1-2**)
3. Nebuchadnezzar (**Dan 3:19**)
4. Jews at Nazareth (**Luke 4:28**)

Four examples of prudence:

1. Gideon (**Judg 8:2-3**)
2. Saul (**1 Sam 10:27**)
3. David (**1 Sam 17:29-30**)
4. Hezekiah (**Isa 36:21**)

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## Proverbs 12:17

(Pro 12:17 ISV\*) ¶ The truth teller speaks what is right,  
but the false witness speaks what is [The Heb. lacks *speaks what is*] deceitful.

(Pro 12:17 KJV+) *He that speaketh*<sup>H6315</sup> truth<sup>H530</sup> sheweth  
forth<sup>H5046</sup> righteousness:<sup>H6664</sup>  
but a false<sup>H8267</sup> witness<sup>H5707</sup> deceit.<sup>H4820</sup>

(Pro 12:17 NASB) He who speaks truth tells what is right,  
But a false witness, deceit.

(Pro 12:17 NIV) A truthful witness gives honest testimony,  
but a false witness tells lies.

Four uses of the tongue:

1. Speaking truth (**John 14:6**)
2. Speaking lies (**1 Tim 4:1-2**)
3. Speaking cutting things (**Prov 12:18; James 3**)
4. Speaking blessing (**Prov 12:19; Matt 8:8**)

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## Proverbs 12:18-19, 22

*There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.  
Truthful lips endure forever,  
but a lying tongue is but for a moment.  
(Prov 12:18-19 RSV)*

*Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord,  
but those who act faithfully are his delight.  
(Prov 12:22 RSV)*

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## Proverbs 12:18

(Pro 12:18 ISV\*) ¶ Some speak rashly like the cutting of a sword,  
but what the wise say promotes healing.

(Pro 12:18 KJV+) There is<sup>H3426</sup> that speaketh<sup>H981</sup> like the piercings<sup>H4094</sup> of a sword:<sup>H2719</sup> but the tongue<sup>H3956</sup> of the wise<sup>H2450</sup> is h ealth.<sup>H4832</sup>

(Pro 12:18 NASB) There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing.

(Pro 12:18 NIV) Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

## Proverbs 12:19

(Pro 12:19 NASB) Truthful lips will be established forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment.

Two kinds of tongues and destinies (*James 3; 1 Ptr 3:10-11*).

[but a lying tongue is but for a moment]

Four examples of lying tongues judged:

1. Ahab (*1 Kings 22:30,37*)
2. Hananiah (*Jer 28:2,11*)
3. Gehazi (*2 Kings 5:22-27*)
4. Ananias and Sapphira (*Acts 5:1-10*)

## Proverbs 12:19

(Pro 12:19 ISV\*) ¶ A truthful saying <sup>[Lit. *lips*]</sup> is trusted forever,  
but the liar <sup>[Lit. *the lying tongue*]</sup> only for a moment.

(Pro 12:19 KJV+) The lip<sup>H8193</sup> of truth<sup>H571</sup> shall be established<sup>H3559</sup> for ever:<sup>H5703</sup>  
but<sup>H5704</sup> a lying<sup>H8267</sup> tongue<sup>H3956</sup> is but for a moment.<sup>H7280</sup>

(Pro 12:19 NASB) Truthful lips will be established forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment.

(Pro 12:19 NIV) Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

The 7th prophecy in Proverbs (*Prov 12:19*, unfulfilled). .  
Next, *Prov 13:9*.

## Proverbs 12:20

(Pro 12:20 ISV\*) ¶ Deceit is at home <sup>[The Heb. lacks *at home*]</sup> in the heart of those who plan evil,  
but those who promote peace rejoice.

(Pro 12:20 KJV+) Deceit<sup>H4820</sup> is in the heart<sup>H3820</sup> of them that imagine<sup>H2790</sup> evil:<sup>H7451</sup>  
but to the counsellors<sup>H3289</sup> of peace<sup>H7965</sup> is joy.<sup>H8057</sup>

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

(Pro 12:20 NIV) There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil,  
but joy for those who promote peace.

Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but joy is in the heart of those who give counsel of peace.



## Proverbs 12:21

(Pro 12:21 ISV\*) ¶ No harm overwhelms the righteous,  
but the wicked overflow with trouble.

(Pro 12:21 KJV+) There shall no<sup>H3808 H3605</sup> evil<sup>H205</sup>  
happen<sup>H579</sup> to the just:<sup>H6662</sup>  
but the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> shall be filled<sup>H4390</sup> with  
mischief.<sup>H7451</sup>

(Pro 12:21 NASB) No harm befalls the righteous,  
But the wicked are filled with trouble.

(Pro 12:21 NIV) No harm befalls the righteous,  
but the wicked have their fill of trouble.

## Proverbs 12:21

(Pro 12:21 NASB) No harm befalls the righteous,  
But the wicked are filled with trouble.

[evil] Hebrew: **aven** (OT:205), iniquity, especially  
connected with idols.

Hence, it means vanity or a vain thing because idols  
are nothing (**Job 15:35; Ps 10:7; Prov 22:8**).

Here it means that no vain thing will happen to the just, for  
all things work together for their good (**Rom 8:28**).

God turns to the advantage of the righteous or just any  
intended evil that happens.

## Proverbs 12:22

(Pro 12:22 ISV\*) ¶ Deceitful speech is reprehensible to  
the LORD,  
but those who act faithfully are his delight.

(Pro 12:22 KJV+) Lying<sup>H8267</sup> lips<sup>H8193</sup> are abomination<sup>H8441</sup>  
to the LORD:<sup>H3068</sup>  
but they that deal<sup>H6213</sup> truly<sup>H530</sup> are his delight.<sup>H7522</sup>

(Pro 12:22 NASB) Lying lips are an abomination to the  
LORD,  
But those who deal faithfully are His delight.

(Pro 12:22 NIV) The LORD detests lying lips,  
but he delights in men who are truthful.

## Proverbs 12:22

(Pro 12:22 NASB) Lying lips are an abomination to the  
LORD,  
But those who deal faithfully are His delight.

Seven things God delights in:

1. People that deal truthfully (**Prov 12:22**)
2. Just weights (**Prov 11:1**)
3. People upright in their ways (**Prov 11:20**)
4. Prayers of the upright (**Prov 15:8**)
5. Lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the  
earth (**Jer 9:24**)
6. The Messiah (**Isa 42:1**)
7. Israel (**Isa 62:4**)

## Proverbs 12:23

(Pro 12:23 ISV\*) ¶ A prudent man keeps what he knows to himself, [The Heb. lacks to *himself*]

but the hearts of fools shout forth their foolishness.

(Pro 12:23 KJV+) A prudent<sup>H6175</sup> man<sup>H120</sup> concealeth<sup>H3680</sup> knowledge:<sup>H1847</sup>

but the heart<sup>H3820</sup> of fools<sup>H3684</sup> proclaimeth<sup>H7121</sup> foolishness.<sup>H200</sup>

(Pro 12:23 NASB) A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims folly.

(Pro 12:23 NIV) A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of fools blurts out folly.

A wise man never brags on his education, knowledge, or experience, but a fool tells everybody how wise he is.

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## Proverbs 12:24

(Pro 12:24 ISV\*) ¶ The diligent will take control, but the lazy will be put to forced labor.

(Pro 12:24 KJV+) The hand<sup>H3027</sup> of the diligent<sup>H2742</sup> shall bear rule:<sup>H4910</sup>

but the slothful<sup>H7423</sup> shall be<sup>H1961</sup> under tribute.<sup>H4522</sup>

(Pro 12:24 NASB) The hand of the diligent will rule, But the slack *hand* will be put to forced labor.

(Pro 12:24 NIV) Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.

Three examples of the diligent ruling:

1. Eleazar (**Gen 24:2,10**)
2. Joseph (**Gen 39:4,22**)
3. Jeroboam (**1 Kings 11:28**)

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## Proverbs 12:25

(Pro 12:25 ISV\*) ¶ A person's anxiety weighs down his heart, but an appropriate word is encouraging.

(Pro 12:25 KJV+) Heaviness<sup>H1674</sup> in the heart<sup>H3820</sup> of man<sup>H376</sup> maketh it stoop:<sup>H7812</sup> but a good<sup>H2896</sup> word<sup>H1697</sup> maketh it glad.<sup>H8055</sup>

(Pro 12:25 NASB) Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, But a good word makes it glad.

(Pro 12:25 NIV) An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.

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## Proverbs 12:25

(Pro 12:25 NASB) Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, But a good word makes it glad.

[stoop]

Four examples of when sorrow prostrated men:

1. Ezra (**Ezra 9:3-10:3**)
2. Nehemiah (**Neh 1:4**)
3. David (**Ps 40:12; 2 Sam 18:33**)
4. Jeremiah (**Jer 8:18; 9:1**)

Three examples of good news making glad:

1. Jacob (**Gen 45:27**)
2. Darius (**Dan 6:18-23**)
3. Disciples (**Matt 28:5-8; Luke 24:32**)

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## Proverbs 12:26

(Pro 12:26 ISV\*) ¶ The righteous person is cautious with respect to his neighbor,  
but the lifestyle of the wicked leads them astray.

(Pro 12:26 KJV+) The righteous<sup>H6662</sup> *is* more excellent<sup>H8446</sup> than his neighbour:<sup>H4480 H7453</sup>  
but the way<sup>H1870</sup> of the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> seduceth<sup>H8582</sup> them.

(Pro 12:26 NASB) The righteous is a guide to his neighbor,  
But the way of the wicked leads them astray.

(Pro 12:26 NIV) A righteous man is cautious in friendship,  
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

The just man guides his friend in righteousness, but a wicked neighbor leads him astray.

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## Proverbs 12:28

(Pro 12:28 ISV\*) ¶ In the pathway to righteousness there is life,  
and in that lifestyle there is no death.

(Pro 12:28 KJV+) In the way<sup>H734</sup> of righteousness<sup>H6666</sup> *is* life;<sup>H2416</sup>  
and *in* the pathway<sup>H1870 H5410</sup> thereof there is no<sup>H408</sup> death.<sup>H4194</sup>

(Pro 12:28 NASB) In the way of righteousness is life,  
And in *its* pathway there is no death.

(Pro 12:28 NIV) In the way of righteousness there is life;  
along that path is immortality.

Two things in the path of the righteous:

1. Eternal life (***Matt 7:14***)
2. Immortality (note, ***1 Peter 3:4***)

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## Proverbs 12:27

(Pro 12:27 ISV\*) ¶ The lazy person does not roast what he has hunted,  
but diligence is one's most important possession.

(Pro 12:27 KJV+) The slothful<sup>H7423</sup> *man* roasteth<sup>H2760</sup> not<sup>H3808</sup> that which he took in hunting:<sup>H6718</sup>  
but the substance<sup>H1952</sup> of a diligent<sup>H2742</sup> man<sup>H120</sup> *is* precious.<sup>H3368</sup>

(Pro 12:27 NASB) A lazy man does not roast his prey,  
But the precious possession of a man *is* diligence.

(Pro 12:27 NIV) The lazy man does not roast his game, but the diligent man prizes his possessions.

The slothful hunter is too lazy to roast his prey, but the precious treasure of the diligent man is utilized for the good of all.

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