

35. PROVERBS 12 – CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED.

Proverbs 12:13-23

5. Their communication.

Ensnarement vs freedom.

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

- The wicked cannot always watch what they say, so they get caught in their lies.
The “snare” in Proverbs: (mouth) 6:2, 12:13; (death) 13:14, 14:27, 18:7; (transgression) 20:25, 22:25, 29:6,8 (fear) 29:25
- The just? They just _____ the _____. The truth is _____ to keep _____

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Liars get _____ in their _____ because they cannot keep their _____

Psalm 59:12 For the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips Let them even be taken in their pride: And for cursing and lying *which* they speak.

Proverbs 5:22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, And he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

Proverbs 6:2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, Thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

Examples:

- Jephthah! **Judges 11:30-35**
- Saul! **1 Samuel 14:24-45**
- Jewish assassins! **Acts 23:14**

Acts 23:14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

- The problem.

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Recompence.

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.

- You mouth brings a _____ just as surely as your hands.
- *The reverse is true as well...*

Proverbs 1:31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, And be filled with their own devices.

Proverbs 13:2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: But the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.

Proverbs 15:4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: But perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.

Proverbs 18:20-21 A man’s belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *And* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. ²¹ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. **Compare James 3:6-12!**

The Fool.

¹⁵ The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.

Proverbs 16:2 All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; But the Lord weigheth the spirits.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

- **Example: Rehoboam, the son of Solomon.** He refused the wise counsel of the older men. This foolishness was to his AND his kingdom’s ruin! **2 Chron 10:5-16**

¹⁶ A fool’s wrath is presently known: But a prudent *man* covereth shame.

- *Rehoboam vs. Israel.*

Proverbs 29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: But a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: But with the well advised *is* wisdom.

Proverbs 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: Fear the Lord, and depart from evil. **Proverbs 26:12**

The ability to LISTEN is critical.

Proverbs 25:12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, So is a wise reprove upon an obedient ear.

Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; And a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: **Proverbs 9:9**

Example: Shimei! **1 Kings 2**

He didn't listen. His wrath was found out. He died justly.

Truth vs. Lies. Watch your mouth!

¹⁷ *He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: But a false witness deceit.*

- **AGAIN:** The just? They just tell the truth. That's easier to keep straight.

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Vs.

Proverbs 6:19 A false witness *that* speaketh lies, And he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 14:5 A faithful witness will not lie: But a false witness will utter lies. **Prov 14:25; 19:5; 12:17**

¹⁸ There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: But the tongue of the wise *is* health.

- 'There is' proverbs. (11:24; 13:7; 14:12; 16:25; 20:15)

KEY: Your words can _____ or _____. *Compare James 3:6-12*

KILL: **Psalm 52:2; 57:4; 59:7; 64:3** = "Razors, spears, arrows, swords"

You can destroy _____ and _____ with your mouth.

HEAL:

Proverbs 4:20–22 My son, attend to my words; Incline thine ear unto my sayings. ²¹ Let them not depart from thine eyes; Keep them in the midst of thine heart. ²² For they *are* life unto those that find them, And health to all their flesh.

You can be part of our Eph 4 _____! (**Proverbs 10:21; 13:17; 15:4; 16:24**)

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. (**Eph 4:15-16**)

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

Proverbs 19:5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, And *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.

Proverbs 19:9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, And *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.

Psalm 52:4–5 Thou lovest all devouring words, O *thou* deceitful tongue. ⁵ God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, He shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place, And root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

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

Proverbs 26:24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, And layeth up deceit within him;

Vs.

Matthew 5:9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

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

- The just: No harm comes from God.
- The wicked: Gossip is a big problem. They bring harm to the just. *Our focus?*

Psalm 37:1–8 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, Neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. ² For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. ³ Trust in the Lord, and do good; So shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. ⁴ Delight thyself also in the Lord; And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. ⁵ Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass. ⁶ And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, And thy judgment as the noonday. ⁷ Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. ⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: Fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Compare Esther 7.

1 Peter 3:13 And who *is* he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

Psalm 121:7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

²² Lying lips *are* abomination to the Lord: But they that deal truly *are* his delight.

- LFBI test taking and paper writing theme verse.

Again: (*this is one of 7 things that God hates / that are an abomination to God!*)

Proverbs 6:19 A false witness *that* speaketh lies, And he that soweth discord among brethren.

Why? Look WHO God is!

Deuteronomy 32:4 *He is* the Rock, his work *is* perfect: For all his ways *are* judgment: A God of truth and without iniquity, Just and right *is* he.

Our prayer!

Psalm 120:2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, *And* from a deceitful tongue.

BUT, BEWARE!

Matthew 12:33–37 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by *his* fruit. ³⁴ O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. ³⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. ³⁶ But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

KEY! John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. **But...**

²³ A prudent man concealeth knowledge: But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

- You do not have to tell everything you know (even if it is true!) Use your head.

Proverbs 11:13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

Proverbs 13:16 Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: But a fool layeth open *his* folly.

Proverbs 17:27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *And* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

Proverbs 29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: But a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

Proverbs 18:2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, But that his heart may discover itself.