

## 36. PROVERBS 12 – CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED.

### Proverbs 12:24–28

#### 6. Their way of living.

##### Their work.

<sup>24</sup> The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: But the slothful shall be under tribute.

- The faithful worker becomes a \_\_\_\_\_.
- The lazy worker ends up \_\_\_\_\_. (Taxes.)  
God is looking for WORKERS.

**Luke 10:2** Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

Have you noticed that God despises laziness?

Hard work is \_\_\_\_\_. We are \_\_\_\_\_ when we know we are working hard.

**Colossians 3:23** And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

- Hard workers will rule with Christ in His kingdom.

**Matthew 25:21** His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

##### Dealing with life issues.

<sup>25</sup> Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: But a good word maketh it glad.

- Depression is \_\_\_\_\_. *Review...*

**Proverbs 12:4** A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: But she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.

**Proverbs 17:22** A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine: But a broken spirit drieth the bones.

**Proverbs 15:13** A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

- Encouragement is \_\_\_\_\_ as well!

#### **Mark Trotter: Anybody trying to recover from a BROKEN HEART?**

*May I humbly seek to offer a word of encouragement?*

*If I were to ask you what the shortest verse in the Bible is, I'd bet you'd be able to quote the two-word answer from John 11:35: "Jesus wept." But if I were to ask you WHY Jesus was weeping, do you know the answer to that? Most people would probably say that it's because one of His dear friends, Lazarus, had died. And I'll give ya, that may have been the OCCASION of His weeping—but it's certainly not the REASON for His weeping! And we know that because as Jesus is making His way to Lazarus' grave, on two separate occasions He made abundantly clear that He was actually coming to raise Lazarus from the dead! (11:11, 23)*

*But nonetheless, when Jesus gets to Lazarus' tomb, for some reason, His heart is broken! He's weeping... He's grieving... He's even groaning in His spirit! (11:33, 38) But here's the thing: He's not weeping, grieving and groaning because He's brokenhearted for Lazarus—and He's certainly not brokenhearted for Himself! Again, He knows full well that He's about to raise Lazarus from the dead! So what's He brokenhearted about? This is so awesome, y'all—Jesus is BROKENHEARTED... for the BROKENHEARTED! What the passage reveals to us is that Jesus was weeping, grieving and groaning... because the people at Lazarus' grave were weeping, grieving and groaning! Oh my, if you want a glimpse into the incredible heart and compassion of our God, this is it! And oh, my brother or sister, if you find yourself grieving, weeping, and/or groaning in your spirit today because your heart is broken... be comforted in the fact that Jesus is brokenhearted because you're brokenhearted... and that He weeps, and grieves and groans right along with you today!*

*And how do I know that? Because what was happening in John 11 is simply a living, visible example of the principle God taught us in Hebrews 4:15... that our Lord Jesus Christ is our sympathetic High Priest who is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities." And because He's the Almighty God who allows Himself to feel what we feel and hurt like we hurt, the next verse says, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."*

*Oh, may you allow our great Savior to lavish His mercy and grace upon your broken heart today!*

KEY: Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ RIGHTLY!

Be encouraged in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 6:11** Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Galatians 3:6** Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. **Rom 4:3**

Be encouraged by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 10:24–25** And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: <sup>25</sup> Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

#### **How?**

**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.

**Proverbs 15:23** A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: And a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*

**Proverbs 12:18b** There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: But the tongue of the wise *is* health.

#### **Leading.**

<sup>26</sup> The righteous *is* more excellent than his neighbour: But the way of the wicked seduceth them.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of others is either beneficial or seductive.

Choose your influencers \_\_\_\_\_. We \_\_\_\_\_ what to think and how to think.

**1 Corinthians 15:33** Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

*Don't be seduced away from the place of consecration in your life...*

**1 Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

**Hebrews 12:1–3** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

#### **Diligence.**

<sup>27</sup> The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: But the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.

- \_\_\_\_\_ what is received vs. \_\_\_\_\_ what is received.

He makes the kill, but the kill never makes it to the table to nourish his family!

**Proverbs 19:24** A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

- Every bit of increase \_\_\_\_\_. Don't \_\_\_\_\_!

To the diligent, everything has \_\_\_\_\_. Nothing is wasted. It all adds up over time.

The diligent hit their goals.

**Proverbs 12:11** He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: But he that followeth vain *persons is* void of understanding.

#### **Promise.**

<sup>28</sup> In the way of righteousness *is* life; And *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

*In terms of a NT inspirational application:*

- Jesus is our righteousness.

**Philippians 3:9** And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

- Jesus is our way truth and life! **John 14.**
- Salvation is thru Jesus. **John 3:16.** Eternal life. **1 Cor 15:54-55**