

Proverbs 12:1-28 **Continuing Concise Straight and Contrasting Statements**

The House of the Righteous Shall Stand

1. Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge,
But he who hates correction *is* stupid.
- 2 A good *man* obtains favor from the LORD ,
But a man of wicked intentions He will condemn.
- 3 A man is not established by wickedness,
But the root of the righteous cannot be moved.
- 4 An excellent (virtuous) wife *is* the crown of her husband,
But she who causes shame *is* like rottenness in his bones.
- 5 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right,
But the counsels of the wicked *are* deceitful.
- 6 The words of the wicked "Lie in wait for blood,"
But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.
- 7 The wicked are overthrown and *are* no more,
But the house of the righteous will stand.
- 8 A man will be commended according to his wisdom,
But he who is of a perverse heart will be despised.
- 9 Better *is the one* who is slighted but has a servant,
Than he who honors himself but lacks bread.
- 10 A righteous *man* regards the life of his animal,
But the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.
- 11 He who tills his land will be satisfied with bread,
But he who follows frivolity *is* devoid of understanding.*
- 12 The wicked covet the catch of evil *men*,
But the root of the righteous yields *fruit*.
- 13 The wicked is ensnared by the transgression of *his* lips,
But the righteous will come through trouble.
- 14 A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth,
And the recompense of a man's hands will be rendered to him.

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

16 A fool's wrath is known at once,
But a prudent *man* covers shame.

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

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

19 The truthful lip shall be established forever,
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.

21 No grave trouble will overtake the righteous,
But the wicked shall be filled with evil.

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

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

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

25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression,
But a good word makes it glad.

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

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

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

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Short self evident contrasting and straight statements of Solomon requiring no commentary.
- ✧ Contrast between good and evil with the expected reward (end) of each.