

# Eternal PERSPECTIVE Proverbs

## BIBLE TEXT | PROVERBS 12:15-28

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**15** The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

**16** The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult.

**17** Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit.

**18** There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

**19** Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

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

**21** No ill befalls the righteous, but the wicked are filled with trouble.

**22** Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight.

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

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

**25** Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.

**26** One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

**27** Whoever is slothful will not roast his game, but the diligent man will get precious wealth.

**28** In the path of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death


## DEVOTIONAL FOR PROVERBS 12:15-28

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There is so much to delve into in this section, but there's one verse that I want to focus on for today's devotional. "Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight". (Proverbs 12:22)

When I study the Bible, I want to make sure that I pay attention to the things that God loves and the things he hates. When we first think of lying, our impulse is to go to the big things. People lie about cheating and stealing. They lie to



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cover up their shame. They lie without realizing it because politeness causes us to not always speak the truth. Everyone is guilty of this. When someone asks how we are, we would rather just say that we are doing well and go on with the conversation than admit that we are struggling.

These kinds of lies are primarily unconscious. We go about our days, struggling internally, and often won't admit those struggles to others, or even ourselves. Verse twenty-five of this passage states that anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down. And this anxiety is often due to trying to balance the lies we have told to others or the lies that we have not admitted to ourselves. Living in a community with believers is so important because of this. We need someone we can confess to, and to go to for things that weigh us down.

I know that the biggest lies I tell are the ones that I tell myself. I can do this by myself. I don't need help. I have everything under control. I'll read my Bible later today. I need that piece of chocolate. I will go to bed early tonight. It's so easy to walk through our days carrying around those lies and not giving them to God. The more these lies stack up, the further we find ourselves from God. He already knows all of these things and not confessing them to Him is only hurting ourselves.

## Questions:

1. What lies are you carrying around that you have not given to God?
2. What are some things that you have not sought counsel with from your community of believers?
3. Are you looking for a community of believers to be a part of? At Stonepoint Church, the path to become part of biblical community, called Journey Groups, is through church membership. If you have not attended Starting Point, that is your first step. If you have been through Starting Point, your next step is GroupLink. You can sign up for both of those events at <http://stonepointchurch.com/events>.