

Proverbs Study Week 21

Proverbs 12:1-7

Proverbs 12 is yet another chapter that contrasts the upright and the wicked. Take time this week and place yourself in the proverb, and honestly answer this question...
who are you?

*****Read Proverbs 12:1-7*****

- **Are you an active learner? Are you a reader? Do you seek knowledge from the internet and books and or from people? How are you at receiving correction?**
 - **Proverbs 12:1**
 - There are those who love to learn and those who seem to not enjoy it at all. Often learning comes down to one thing... our attitude. If you want to be taught, there is no limit to what you can accomplish. But if you avoid learning from others, you will not reach your full potential. Another thing we must be able to do is accept correction and learn from the wisdom of others. If you have a problem receiving correction and do not allow people into your life, you struggle with pride. A prideful person will not learn very much and will lack wisdom.
 - Psalm 50:17
 - Psalm 32:9
 - Proverbs 30:2
 - James 4:6
 - Romans 12:16
 - **Proverbs 12:2**
 - There is something to be said about just being a good person. Moreover, obedience to God leads to a deeper relationship with Him. We must daily take inventory of our lives and our actions and see if we are obediently following God. Maybe you are unsure if a current action is sinful or not good, there are ways you can know for certain. Ask a few wise and Godly people in your life what they think... then make the change. I have found that this usually proves true... if I have to ask if it is good or not, it's probably not.
 - 2 Samuel 15:3
 - 1 John 1:6-7
 - Psalm 5:12
 - Psalm 90:17

- Psalm 84:11
 - **What does it mean and look like to be a good person in the world's eyes versus God's eyes? What does it look like to plan wickedness?**
- **Proverbs 12:3**
 - To be established means to be successful. Real and true success come to those who do what is right and good. So we must ask ourselves, what kind of success does wickedness bring? We all know or have heard people who have cheated their way to the top or lied to make more money, or been shifty in business dealings... isn't this successful in the world's eyes? Also, what about the dad who is never home and works all the time and forgets about his family, yet is thriving at his career? We must look at whether the success is temporary or eternal to see if it is worthy of our time. Never chase success at the expense of your character. Cheaters and liars grow more and more dishonest and those who hurt people become more cruel. Remember this, evil behavior does not lead to success, it leads to more evil behavior. Real and true success maintains your personal integrity.
 - Proverbs 11:5
 - Proverbs 10:25
 - Psalm 62:2
 - Matthew 16:18
 - John 10:28
- **Proverbs 12:4**
 - A person may achieve much success in the world, but unless there is happiness in the home, it is all for not.
 - Proverbs 31:10-11
 - 1 Corinthians 11:7
 - Ruth 3:11
- **Proverbs 12:5**
 - A good and righteous person is not only good in their actions, they are righteous in their thoughts. They have fully come to understand what it means to be renewing their minds. And for the wicked, their actions are just not horrible, so are their thoughts. Lastly, it matters who we approach for advice!
 - **Who do you go to for advice and why? Are there people you avoid because you know they will give you the hard truth?**
 - Romans 12:1-2
 - Proverbs 15:28
 - Psalm 119:15
 - Psalm 36:2-4
- **Proverbs 12:6**
 - We have talked a lot over the last several weeks about the words we speak and the power they have. Again, we are not God, so we cannot create things from our words. However, our words have the power to

bring light and life or death and darkness. Wicked people use their words to hurt others and for their own selfish gain. In contrast, the words of the Godly will save lives.

- **Have you ever spoken something to somebody that literally changed or saved their life? Has somebody ever said something to you that saved or changed your life?**
 - Proverbs 1:11
 - Proverbs 1:16
 - Proverbs 14:3
 - Isaiah 59:7
 - Ephesians 4:29
 - **1 Peter 3:10**
- **Proverbs 12:7**
 - The reason the wicked cannot and will not stand is because they do not have a foundation and root of righteousness. Those who believe in Jesus have a firm foundation and will endure forever.
 - Do you believe in Jesus?
 - Matthew 7:24
 - Job 34:25
 - Proverbs 12:8
 - Proverbs 15:25
 - 2 Samuel 7:16
 - Luke 1:33
 - 2 Samuel 7:13