### Proverbs

## Chapter 12

1Those who love to be taught, love understanding,  
 While those hating correction are fools.  
  
2Those who find the favor of [God]  
 Are the ones who’ll receive what’s best,  
 While the lawless just get condemnation.  
  
3Those who break laws won’t endure;  
 While the righteous won’t be uprooted.  
  
4A virtuous woman is a crown to her man;  
 But, one who’s bad will eat him away  
 Like a worm that’s boring through wood.  
  
5True judgments are the ways of the righteous,  
 And treacherous are the ways of the godless.  
  
6The impious lie in wait to shed blood,  
 While righteous mouths offer protection.  
  
7When the irreverent lose, they just pass away,  
 While the homes of the righteous remain.  
  
8The mouths of the discerning are praised by all men,  
 While those with dull hearts are just sneered at.  
  
9It’s best for the dishonored to be servants  
 Than be too proud and go without bread.  
  
10The righteous are concerned for the lives of their cattle,  
 While the impious feel no compassion or mercy.  
  
11Those who work their ground will eat bread,  
 While those who chase vain things go hungry.  
  
There are those who drink wine as their pastime…  
 But they leave their honor behind.  
  
12The desires of the impious are evil;  
 But the roots of those who show deep respect  
 Will become strongly entrenched.  
  
13By the sins of his lips, a sinner is snared,  
 While the righteous will flee from such things.  
  
14From the fruits of his mouth, a man’s soul receives good…  
 He’ll be repaid for the things his lips say.  
  
15Fools will follow in their own ways,  
 While the wise will follow advice.  
  
16A fool bares his rage before all,  
 But the wise will hide his dishonor.  
  
17The righteous put trust in telling the truth;  
 But an unrighteous witness will lie.  
  
18There are some that speak as though stabbing with swords,  
 While the tongues of the wise send healing.  
  
19Lips that are straight will speak what’s true,  
 While unrighteous lips are too hasty.  
  
20Those planning to do bad have treachery in their hearts,  
 While those planning peace will find joy.  
  
21Injustice displeases the righteous,  
 While the godless [find pleasure] in all that’s bad.  
  
22Lying lips are disgusting to [God]…  
 He only accepts those whose lips He can trust.  
  
23The wise don’t show all the things that they know;  
 But the hearts of fools blurt their folly.  
  
24Hands that are honest, easily win,  
 While the hands of the deceitful are plundered.  
  
25Frightful words disturb hearts of men,  
 But a message that’s good brings them joy.  
  
26A friend is one who suggests what’s right.  
 But, sinners support evil and impious ways.  
  
27A deceitful man won’t get what he wants,  
 While those with pure hearts will be wealthy.  
  
28The ways of the righteous lead them to life…  
 From death, it turns them away.