Writing is Obedience—not writing is Rebellion

Proverbs 12:12—*The wicked desireth the net of evil men: but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.*

1. What is the care and aim of a good man?
2. His root yields fruit in strength or solidity, humility and stability, and that is he desires, to do good and to be fixed and confirmed in doing good.

The wicked desires only a net wherewith to fish for himself; the righteous desires to yield fruit for the benefit of others and God's glory.

1. What is the fixed principle or the permanent foundation of a good man?

Pr 12:3 ¶ A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

A man shall not be established by wickedness] Evil is always variable: it has no fixed principle, except the root that is in the human heart; and even that is ever assuming new forms. Nothing is permanent but goodness; and that is unchangeable, because it comes from GOD. The produce of goodness is permanent, because it has God's blessing in it: the fruit of wickedness, or the property procured by wickedness, is transitory, because it has God's curse in it. The righteous has his root in God; and therefore he shall not be moved.

Ps 132:12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

Eze 17:22 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent:

Isa 63:5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.