

## Proverbs 12

**Opening Prayer:** Great is The Lord our God. Father, I praise Your Holy name and thank You for another day to receive the blessing of Your love and wisdom. I pray Your insights blesses us all. In Jesus name.....Amen.

**Comments/Insights:** Verse 5 says, "The thoughts of the righteous are right, but the counsels of the wicked are deceitful." This verse acknowledges a double-edged sword. First, we as followers of Christ can think too highly of ourselves-because we have the righteousness of God we may think that ALL our thoughts are holy. Every thought must be brought captive to the wisdom and understanding of Jesus Christ that He alone is acknowledged in all our ways. Second, we can think too highly of the counsels of wicked people because they are successful, or appear wise in the knowledge of the world.

**Basic Truth:** Although we can respect worldly people for their achievements, we must look at them through the eyes of Our Lord. "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater, for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in The Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that has given His Son." 1John 5:9-11. Every word from God is true.

**Application to My Life:** "The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of wicked leads them astray." Even advice from the nicest, smartest people with the best intentions must always be filtered through the Word and wisdom of Our Lord. Those who are lost are defined in the Holy Scriptures wicked and enemies of God, and all counsel that is contrary to Christ will not bless, but only harm.

**Closing Prayer:** Thank You Father for loving me more than I love myself. I am too easily influenced by the world. Thank You for standing guard around my heart, soul, and mind to protect me from the counsels of the wicked. May I always seek Your guidance in all things. In Jesus name. Amen.

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