***PROVERBS***

**Prov. 12:11-20**

**Proverbs 12:11**

A. The one who does the hard work of farming will enjoy the result of their labor

B. The one who lives for the vain and superficial things of life will be devoid of understanding

**Proverbs 12:12**

A. It is the nature of the wicked to covet what others have, even if it has been gained by evil men and methods.

B. The righteous don’t covet evil, because they are like fruit trees---Fruit comes from their very root, from who they are

**Proverbs 12:13**

A. The words of a wicked man will eventually get him into trouble. It will become a snare he is trapped in.

1. “A liar needs a good memory; for as the truth is not in him, he often contradicts himself.” (Clarke)

B. The righteous will certainly come through trouble ---**John 16:33**

**Proverbs 12:14**

A. By good, kind, and encouraging words, a righteous man finds blessings

B. A man will receive what he has worked for, whether it be for good or evil

**Proverbs 12:15**

A. The fool almost always believes that they are on the right path

B. The wise understand that it is helpful to get another set of “eyes” on one’s way

**Proverbs 12:16**

A. The fool does most things out of impulse without thought

B. The prudent man thoughtfully responds to situations instead of making an immediate, impulsive response

**Proverbs 12:17**

A. The words of the wise are filled with truth and truth reflects God’s righteousness

B. The false witness doesn’t speak the truth, and promotes deceit instead of righteousness

**Proverbs 12:18**

A. Some people have the terrible ability to speak in a manner that stabs and slices others

B. The wise are able to bring health and healing by the words they speak

**Proverbs 12:19**

A. God continuously looks after those who love and speak the truth

B. The judgments of the God of truth will show how temporary the success of the lying tongue is

1. “***It is truth which abides. A lie must perish. In a world largely mastered by lies, it is difficult at times to believe this. Yet to***

***review the history of the race is to have evidence of it. Lies are always perishing.***” (**Morgan**)

**Proverbs 12:20**

A. Deceit in their heart exists before it is ever evident in someone’s actions

B. Happiness and contentment (joy) comes to those who speak words of peace.