

sermon notes

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March 3, 2024 | "In Praise of Words and Works" | **Proverbs 12:1–28**

1) Those who love God love _____
(12:1, 15)

2) Those who love God love _____
(12:2–8, 16–23)

3) Those who love God love _____
(12:9–14, 24–28)

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Proverbs 12:1–28 and make a list of repeated words, themes, and idea. What positive statements are made about God-honoring words? What positive statements are made about God-honoring work? What negative statements are made about God-dishonoring words and work?

What role does discipline and instruction play in a Christian's life (12:1)? What about diligence (12:24)? How does a disciple of Jesus grow and mature spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, etc.? Is there such a thing as an undisciplined disciple of Jesus? Are all Christians called to be Jesus's disciples?

GET PERSONAL

How would you express, to God and to others, your love for God? How is your love for God demonstrated in God-honoring living? How was God's love for you demonstrated? Is it possible to repay God for what he did for you?

What does your work ethic communicate to others about your faith? How is a Christian's work ethic a positive testimony to the world? What does a lazy or idle Christian communicate to the world?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Solomon says, "Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad" (12:24). Give some examples of "a good word" that will encourage another brother or sister in Christ. How might God use your speech this week to gladden the heart of your spouse? Your children? Your parents? Your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Evaluate Proverbs 11:28. Is this a statement about life and death on this side of eternity? Or on the other side of eternity? Or both? If Solomon was only talking about life on this side of eternity, how could he say, "in its pathway there is no death"? What Scriptural evidence do we have that OT saints understood that human life is eternal?