

Scripture

Proverbs 12:15-28 (NLT)

- 15 Fools think their own way is right,
but the wise listen to others.
- 16 A fool is quick-tempered,
but a wise person stays calm when insulted.
- 17 An honest witness tells the truth;
a false witness tells lies.
- 18 Some people make cutting remarks,
but the words of the wise bring healing.
- 19 Truthful words stand the test of time,
but lies are soon exposed.

- 20** Deceit fills hearts that are plotting evil;
joy fills hearts that are planning peace!
- 21** No harm comes to the godly,
but the wicked have their fill of trouble.
- 22** The Lord detests lying lips,
but he delights in those who tell the truth.
- 23** The wise don't make a show of their knowledge,
but fools broadcast their foolishness.
- 24** Work hard and become a leader;
be lazy and become a slave.
- 25** Worry weighs a person down;
an encouraging word cheers a person up.

- 26** The godly give good advice to their friends;
the wicked lead them astray.
- 27** Lazy people don't even cook the game they
catch, but the diligent make use of
everything they find.
- 28** The way of the godly leads to life;
that path does not lead to death.