

Proverbs 11:30-12:12

GOOD GUYS BAD GUYS US GUYS

³⁰ The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,

Righteous men as in Eden spread the life of God

And he who is wise wins souls.

.. because they are wise

and thus "take" souls

³¹ If the righteous will be rewarded in the earth,

"Recompensed"

How much more the wicked and the sinner!

The righteous we still can suffer the "Recompense" of sin...

But imagine what awaits the sinner

^{12:1} Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,

People love the Bible because they love to grow and change... or "Discipline"

But he who hates reproof is stupid.

How can we lessen this recompense? By loving the Bible..

The reason people are ignorant of truth is because of their pride... they need no change.

² A good man will obtain favor from the LORD,

But He will condemn a man who devises evil.

God's favor is removed from the godless

And this man (of v1) will enjoy God's blessing upon him.

³ A man will not be established by wickedness,

But the root of the righteous will not be moved.

He is shallow, flakey and light. The righteous have stability and life from an unseen source

⁴ An excellent wife is the crown of her husband,

But she who shames him is like rottenness in his bones.

When sin gets into a family, it can tear a marriage apart.

⁵ The thoughts of the righteous are just,

as a friend the wicked are destructive

But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

The righteous are edifying

⁶ The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,

The righteous are the undoing of the wicked..

But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.

They are the good guys

⁷ The wicked are overthrown and are no more, beaten forgotten

as in the 2 houses of Matt 7

But the house of the righteous will stand.

⁸ A man will be praised according to his insight,

.. because the righteous see beneath the visible world to the truth that governs it

But one of perverse mind will be despised.

⁹ Better is he who is lightly esteemed and has a servant

Than he who honors himself and lacks bread.

Better to be middle class
and appreciated
and respected
than illusory but a failure

¹⁰ A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal

But even the compassion of the wicked is cruel.

he's compassionate

not cruel

¹¹ He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,

But he who pursues worthless things lacks sense.

a responsible man with a
work ethic

a man looking for easy street

¹² The wicked man desires the booty of evil men,

But the root of the righteous yields fruit.

he desires wealth no matter
what the means

But this man will stand