

## Proverbs 12:24-28

<sup>24</sup> The hand of the diligent will rule, *A biblical work ethic. Excellence is exalted  
Laziness is punished*  
But the slack *hand* will be put to forced labor.

*Worry will make you  
"Down"*  
*But a sensitive friend  
can turn everything around*  
<sup>25</sup> Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down,  
But a good word makes it glad.

<sup>26</sup> The righteous is a guide to his neighbor, *We not only can uplift  
but we can aid others in life's skills -  
Unlike what the world can do to people*  
But the way of the wicked leads them astray.

<sup>27</sup> A lazy man does not roast his prey, *This he would like to eat he cannot plan,  
initiate, reverse, and succeed.*  
But the precious possession of a man *is* diligence. *Diligence is the most precious  
thing a person can possess..  
The ability to convert desire to  
Reality.*

*all of the above virtues  
are the qualities of  
Righteousness thus divine  
life.*  
<sup>28</sup> In the way of righteousness is life,  
And in its pathway there is no death.

*One never need fear of being  
led astray when walking with God.*