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(#58) The Proverbs of Solomon 12:14- There Is NO Silent Satisfaction

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 12:14:

A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth, and the recompense of a man's hands will be rendered to him.

Satisfaction with "good" cannot be hidden in the heart, but expressed in words, for which God will "recompense" (payback). Each one who expresses satisfaction with the good they have, will have good come back. Other proverbs which express this include:

- A man shall eat well by the fruit of *his* mouth, but the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence. (**Proverbs 13:2**)
- A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth, *from* the produce of his lips he shall be filled. (**Proverbs 18:20**)
- Do not be envious of evil men, nor desire to be with them; for their heart devises violence, And their lips talk of troublemaking. (**Proverbs 24:1-2**)

We say what we intend, and "the fruit of the mouth" that plans to do good, will provide, that is, follow through with action. Those who can only speak "violence" are telling everyone around them of their intentions. This is what gangsters, politicians, racists, demonstrators, and mass murderers do: they state what they intend, and then follow through with their acts of "violence."

If we appreciate the good God gives every one of us, we must not be silent with our thanksgiving to Him.

- Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. (**Philippians 4:6**)
- In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (**1 Thessalonians 5:18**)
- Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *and* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. (**Psalms 100:4**)



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God will admit no one "into His gates" who cannot give thanks for all He does. Jesus Christ cleansed ten lepers, but only one returned "giving thanks" ([Luke 17:12-19](#)), and Jesus noticed by asking, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" God notices all who do not give Him thanks for all of our blessings. People are "without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened" ([Romans 1:20-21](#)).

But so, also, do the wives, husbands, children, relatives, preachers, brethren, partners, bosses, workers, waiters/ waitresses, clerks, stockers, and everyone not now specified, deserve to expect to be "thanked" for the good they do for us. In "the last days" leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, being "unthankful" is included in the list of sins committed, and "from such people turn away" is the warning ([2 Timothy 3:1-5](#)). If we are thankful, it may surprise us how often it will be returned!

