

**It's Your Choice**  
**Proverbs 11**  
**Our choices define us**

**A. To Be True or False (11:1-6)**

**1. In Dealings (11:1)**

**2. In Demeanor (11:2)**

**3. In Direction (11:3)**

**4. In Deliverance (11:4-6)**

**Example: Rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16)**

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**B. To Be Life Or Death (11:7-13)**

**1. In Hope (11:7-9)**

**Example: Haman**

**2. In Blessing (11:10-11)**

**Our impact goes beyond ourselves**

**3. In Civility (11:12-13)**

**Let our actions be stronger than our words**

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**C. To Have Good or Bad (11:14-21)**

**1. Decisions (11:14-15)**

**We all need good advice**

**2. Testimony (11:16-18)**

**Example: Ruth**

**3. Pursuits (11:19-21)**

**Will I please or displease God at judgment time?**

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- D. To Be Consistent or Inconsistent (11:22-31)**
- 1. In Perception (by others) (11:22)**
  - 2. In Perspective (by desires) (11:23)**
  - 3. In Practices (11:24-27)**
  - 4. In Prospects (11:28-31)**

## **1 Peter 1:15**

**But as he which hath called you is holy, so  
be ye holy in all manner of conversation;**

# **How Do You Measure Up?**

## **Proverbs 12**

**We must measure our lives**

# **I. Measured By A Person's Steps (12:1-8)**

**Psalm 37:23**

**The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and  
he delighteth in his way.**

# **I. Measured By A Person's Steps (12:1-8)**

## **A. What he knows (12:1)**

### **Proverbs 12:1**

**Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.**

## **B. Where he goes (12:2)**

### **Proverbs 12:2**

**A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.**



# **I. Measured By A Person's Steps (12:1-8)**

## **C. Where he stands (12:3)**

### **Proverbs 12:3**

**A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.**

## **D. With whom he shares his steps (12:4)**

### **Proverbs 12:4**

**A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.**

# **I. Measured By A Person's Steps (12:1-8)**

## **E. What he thinks (12:5-6)**

### **Proverbs 12:5-6**

**5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.**

**6 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.**

## **F. What he leaves behind (12:7-8)**

### **Proverbs 12:7-8**

**7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.**

**8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.**

## **II. Measured By A Person's Attitudes (12:9-16)**

### **Proverbs 23:6-7**

**6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye,  
neither desire thou his dainty meats:**

**7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink,  
saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.**

## **II. Measured By A Person's Attitudes (12:9-16)**

### **A. Toward himself (12:9)**

**Proverbs 12:9**

**He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.**

### **B. Toward his livestock (12:10)**

**Proverbs 12:10**

**A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.**

### **C. Toward his land (12:11)**

**Proverbs 12:11**

**He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.**

## **II. Measured By A Person's Attitudes (12:9-16)**

### **D. Toward his heritage (12:12)**

**Proverbs 12:12**

**The wicked desireth the net of evil men: but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.**

### **E. Toward his words (12:13-14)**

**Proverbs 12:13-14**

**13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.**

**14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.**

## **II. Measured By A Person's Attitudes (12:9-16)**

### **F. Toward advice (12:15)**

#### **Proverbs 12:15**

**The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.**

### **F. Toward reactions (12:16)**

#### **Proverbs 12:16**

**A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.**

### **III. Measured By A Person's Lips (12:17-23)**

**James 3:2**

**For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.**

### **III. Measured By A Person's Lips (12:17-23)**

#### **A. In Truth (12:17)**

**Proverbs 12:17**

**He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.**

#### **B. In Tone (12:18)**

**Proverbs 12:18**

**There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.**



### **III. Measured By A Person's Lips (12:17-23)**

#### **C. In Timelessness (12:19)**

**Proverbs 12:19**

**The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.**

#### **D. In Tenor (12:20)**

**Proverbs 12:20**

**Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.**

### **III. Measured By A Person's Lips (12:17-23)**

#### **E. In Test (12:21-22)**

##### **Proverbs 12:21-22**

**21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.**

**22 Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.**

#### **F. In Temperance (12:23)**

##### **Proverbs 12:23**

**A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.**

## **IV. Measured By A Person's Results (12:24-28)**

### **Matthew 7:17-20**

**17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**

**18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.**

**19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**

**20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**

## **IV. Measured By A Person's Results (12:24-28)**

### **A. In governance (12:24)**

**Proverbs 12:24**

**The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.**

### **B. In gladness (12:25)**

**Proverbs 12:25**

**Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.**

## **IV. Measured By A Person's Results (12:24-28)**

### **C. In graciousness (12:26)**

**Proverbs 12:26**

**The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.**

### **D. In gratefulness (12:27)**

**Proverbs 12:27**

**The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.**

## **IV. Measured By A Person's Results (12:24-28)**

**E. In goodness (12:28)**

**Proverbs 12:28**

**In the way of righteousness is life: and in the pathway thereof there is no death.**

# *How Do You Measure Up?*

