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## Good Rewards For Right Speech And Actions

### World May Not Exalt Or Reward Virtue

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**USPA NEWS** - "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. Proverbs 12:14"

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There are good rewards for right speech and actions. Will you miss them in life? Will others win them, leaving you behind? The proverb's lesson is simple, but most forget the certain compensation for righteousness. They are too concerned with the world's ideas of success or the approval of their peers. They forget God and men will honor the godly.

Speaking right and doing right bring rewards. The world may not exalt or reward virtue, but this true proverb gives wonderful advice. If you use your mouth for kind, spiritual, and wise words, God and men will reward you with satisfying honors. And both God and men will also surely compensate you for good works of charity, godliness, and truth.

The only speech that brings good and satisfying rewards is pure and wise speech, which the proverb implies. If you use your mouth for folly, lies, or boasting, it will bring trouble (Pr 10:6). The same is true of actions "things done with your hands. Only noble deeds bring good rewards (Pr 6:17).

This wicked generation says, "Only the good die young." But their idea of good is what God calls wicked. It is dangerous time, when it becomes popular to despise those who are truly good, especially by today's carnal Christians (II Tim 3:3). Good is out; cool is in. Good is square; sin is hip.

But that is all a lie from hell, for it is the wicked that die young (Pr 10:27). If you want to have a happy and long life, it is by speaking and doing good (Pr 3:1-2), including honoring your parents (Eph 6:2-3). Instead of despising good men, you should love them and follow them (Titus 1:8).

Good speech blesses others (Pr 24:26). But the reward here is to the speaker (Pr 18:20). Kings will befriend a man with gracious speech (Pr 22:11). How could Pharaoh resist promoting Joseph (Gen 41:39-45)? Jonathan resist loving David (I Sam 18:1-4)? Nebuchadnezzar resist promoting Daniel (Dan 2:46-49)? What will the King of kings do for those who speak to others about Him (Mal 3:16-18)? Read it, and rejoice!

The Bible is God's manual for successful living, and living His way will save you from the dysfunctional problems of this wicked world and bring prosperity and success (Jas 1:25).

Your goal is to be like Jesus Christ. He grew in favour with God and men (Luke 2:52). His speech was gracious beyond belief (Ps 45:2; Luke 4:22). He went about doing good (Acts 10:38). He is the example Paul followed, and we should follow Paul (I Cor 11:1).

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