

**Proverbs Series #11: The Cut-Flower Conundrum**

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**Proverbs 12**

*<sup>16</sup>A fool's anger is known at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.*

*<sup>17</sup>He who speaks the truth declares what is right, but a false witness speaks deceit.*

*<sup>18</sup>Speaking rashly is like a piercing sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.*

*<sup>19</sup>Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.*

*<sup>20</sup>Deceit is in the hearts of those who devise evil, but the counselors of peace have joy.*

*<sup>22</sup>Lying lips are detestable to the LORD, but those who deal faithfully are His delight.*

*<sup>23</sup>A shrewd man keeps his knowledge to himself, but a foolish heart proclaims its folly.*

*<sup>25</sup>Anxiety weighs down the heart of a man, but a good word cheers it up.*

**Breakdown:**

1. It is unwise to carry around wounds that are easily reopened. True \_\_\_\_\_ is essential to act wisely. V. 16
2. It is unwise to pass along things that have not been \_\_\_\_\_ as true. V. 17
3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ have enormous power. This power must be used to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to other people's souls. V. 18
4. A commitment to truth gives us a lasting \_\_\_\_\_. V. 19
5. Peacemaking produces \_\_\_\_\_ in us. V. 20
6. The test of speaking truthfully is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the speech. We must deal faithfully with others. V. 22
7. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ in our relationship with God so that we do not have to feel the need to impress others with what we know. V. 23
8. We must not pile on anxiety to others. Our words must be used to \_\_\_\_\_ others. V. 25

**Application:**

1. Put a checkmark by at least three of these proverbs that you want God to help you with.
2. Let's spend some time in prayer and take each verse to God and ask for His help in applying these Proverbs.