

WOULD GOD SAY YOU ARE GOOD?

Proverbs 12:5, "A good man's mind is filled with honest thoughts; and evil man's mind is crammed with lies. LB

What would the God of the universe use as adjectives to describe your life? While we may not desire not to think of that sobering question, the reality is this...each of us are going to stand in the sobering presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and some day and hear the complete reality of our lives. Yet, before that time comes, God gives us ample time to evaluate who we truly are...if we but listen.

God gives a sobering definition of good person in His sight here in Proverbs 12:5 ...it is that person whose "thinking process" is bent toward God. Literally, the word "thought" means "imagination, purpose and intent". God not only watches the actions of our lives, but He watches our very thought process this very day.

What is your mind bent on...when it comes to imagination? What is your mind bent on when it comes to "intent"? The person that is pleasing God has a mind that is "fixed and focused" first on pleasing and honoring the Lord God, both publicly and privately.

The thought process of a good and righteous person doesn't change from the public setting to the private setting. His thought process, and imagination is toward honoring the God that created Him. While we hear much of "the imagination" in regards to wickedness and unrighteousness, we must remember who has given us the ability to imagine...it is God. God desires that imagine and think of ways this day to honor him. When we imagine and think of ways to honor God...we are using or God given mind properly.

The sobering question is this...what are our minds "filled with". What will you allow to fill your mind today. Will our minds be filled with the thoughts of the world, or will they be filled with the thoughts of God...honoring Him, walking intimately with Him. The wise man "thinks of ways" to please the Father. God declares that when your "intentions, imaginations and purposes are toward glorifying God, and blessing others....you are declared good, and righteous by Holy God.

We may not desire to think about it...but the clock is ticking and judgment will soon come on believers as well as unbelievers. And God is clear that He will evaluate "every man's work" to see what sort it was. May our lives today be filled with all manner of good works...to glorify our Father in heaven and advance His wonderful Kingdom.