

Proverbs 12:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto
him.

Analysis

A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth, and the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him. Both speech and labor produce fitting results - good words bring good consequences; faithful work brings appropriate reward. The verse promises that both verbal and manual labor receive fitting recompense. What proceeds from mouth and hands returns to their source.

Historical Context

Reflects the principle of moral causality - actions produce corresponding consequences. Ancient wisdom recognized that speech and labor both determine one's welfare.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What fruit is your mouth currently producing - good or evil?
2. How do your hands' labor contribute to your satisfaction or dissatisfaction?

Interlinear Text

מִפֶּ֑רִי	פִּי־	אִישׁ־	יִשְׂבַּע־	טוֹב־	וְגַם־וְלִ
by the fruit	of his mouth	A man	shall be satisfied	with good	and the recompence
H6529	H6310	H376	H7646	H2896	H1576
יָדַי־	אֶ֑פֶס־	יָשׁׁוּב־	לִי־		
hands	of a man's	shall be rendered	H0		
H3027	H120	H7725			

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 13:2 (Good): A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

Psalms 63:5 (Parallel theme): My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

Proverbs 15:23 (Good): A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

Matthew 16:27 (Parallel theme): For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Hebrews 2:2 (Parallel theme): For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;

Hebrews 11:26 (Parallel theme): Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.