

# Proverbs 12:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## 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

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מְפַר	גַּי	אֵשׁ	וְשָׁבָע	טַב	רְגָמֶן
by the fruit	of his mouth	A man	shall be satisfied	with good	and the recompence
H6529	H6310	H376	H7646	H2896	H1576
ידֵי	יָדֵי	אֶת	יָשַׁבַּע	וְ	רְגָמֶן
hands	of a man's	shall be rendered		H0	
H3027	H120		H7725		

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.