

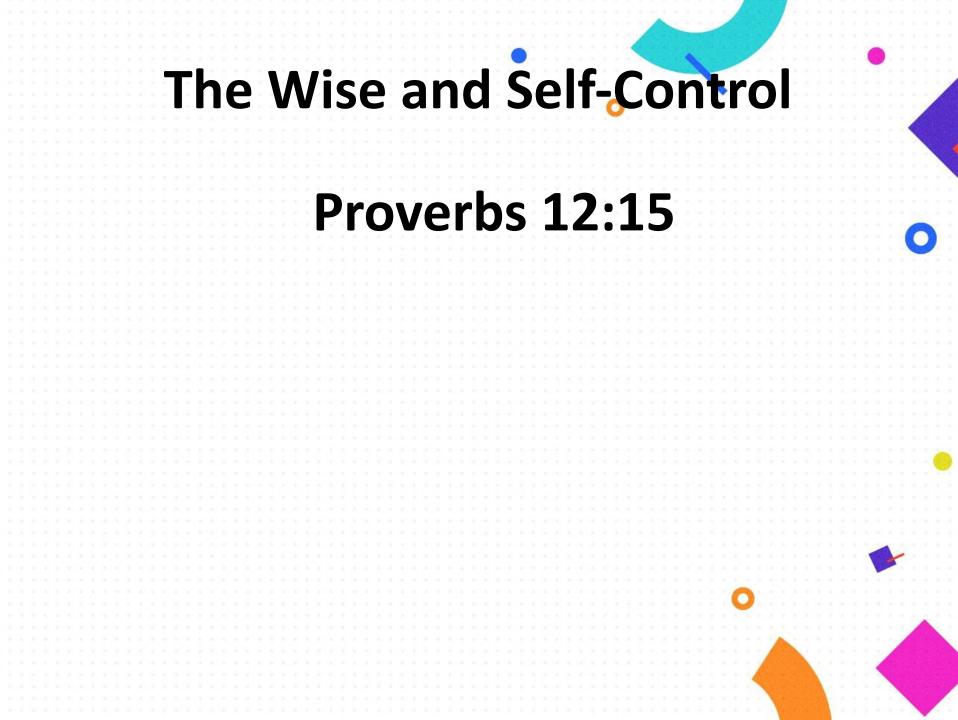
The Wise and Self-Control The wise are those who are growing in self-control.

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¹⁵ The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

 ¹⁶ The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult.
¹⁷ Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence,

but a false witness utters deceit. ¹⁸ There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,

but the tongue of the wise brings healing. ¹⁹ Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

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²⁴ The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor. ²⁵ Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. ²⁶ One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray. ²⁷ Whoever is slothful will not roast his game, but the diligent man will get precious wealth.

²⁸ In the path of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.

Where do I need to grow in self-control?

During this time of reflection:

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:10-11