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Because God is loyal and faithful

Pv. 14:2 *Whoever fears the LORD walks uprightly, but those who despise Him are devious in their ways.*

As we saw yesterday, the Hebrew word for *fear* is **yeru** which means *to see as awesome, to revere, stand in awe and show reverence*. In this proverb, we are reminded that the way we see our LORD should affect the way we serve our LORD. What good is it if we say we fear Him and yet it does not have any sway over the things we choose to do? This reminds me of the LORD's statement in **Isa. 29:13**, *The LORD says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. Their worship of Me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.*

We are foolish to believe that our words direct our hearts. They do not. It is the heart that causes us to deceive ourselves and to speak falsehood. What we truly believe in our hearts will guide our steps and form our speech. **Luke 6:45** *A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.*

When our hearts are right with the LORD, then our ways will also line up with Him. Let us not fool ourselves into believing that saying that we truly fear the LORD, when we don't. If we are devious in our own thoughts, we will continue to fool ourselves and what we say will not affect what we do.

Dear LORD, You know everything about us. We are a devious people that can even fool ourselves into believing that we are serving You when we are not. Help us LORD, to come clean with You. In Jesus Name, Amen.