

Psalm 52 New American Standard Bible

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Futility of Boastful Wickedness.

Why do you boast in evil, you mighty man?
The faithfulness of God *endures* all day long.

²Your tongue devises destruction,
Like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.

³You love evil more than good,
Lies more than speaking what is right.

⁴You love all words that devour,
You deceitful tongue.

⁵But God will break you down forever;
He will snatch you up and tear you away from *your* tent,
And uproot you from the land of the living. *Selah*

⁶The righteous will see and fear,
And they will laugh at him, *saying*,

⁷“Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge,
But trusted in the abundance of his riches
And was strong in his *evil* desire.”

⁸But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;
I trust in the faithfulness of God forever and ever.

⁹I will praise You forever, because You have done *it*,
And I will wait on Your name, for *it is* good, in the presence of Your godly
ones.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

What questions were provoked within you?
Did anything confuse you?
Did anything move you emotionally?
Did God instruct you to do something?
Did you gain any insight into God’s character?

1. Why do people boast?
2. Have you ever boasted?
3. How did it make you feel?
4. What is the motive behind the question why?
5. Who has the right to ask why?
6. What is the difference between 'boasting in evil' as opposed to 'boasting in good'?
7. Are the mighty more likely to boast? If so, why?
8. 'God's loving kindness endures' means what to you?
9. What is the difference between kindness and loving kindness?
10. Talking to the mighty man, David says 'you devise devastation'!
11. Evil, Jesus said, comes out of the mouth and it reveals what is in your heart.
12. To be cut with words is sharper, and more devastating, than being cut with a razor.
13. Workers of deceit are those who do evil and enjoy doing evil - God calls these people wicked.
14. Workers of deceit enjoy doing what is not right. Everything about them says 'evil'.
15. The words of the workers of evil are vile, cruel and devastating.
16. A judgement day will come when the workers of evil will receive the wages of doing evil.
17. It will be for them a very dark day that will last for all of eternity.
18. The workers of righteousness will receive the satisfaction that evil doers will pay for their evil deeds.
19. 'Behold' is to see or to take notice of.
20. The man who refuses to trust in God, has no one else to trust him but himself!
21. To trust in 'the abundance of riches', is to rely on resources and not on God.
22. Evil and hatred will make you strong but will require payment at the judgement,
23. An olive tree is a representation of peace and tranquillity.
24. A green olive tree is full of life - new beginnings.
25. Whoever trusts in the loving kindness of God will not be disappointed or pay at the judgement.
26. To give thanks is to know who, and what, you have acknowledged as your helper,
27. To wait with wisdom is to know, even in the waiting, God is with you.
28. To trust in God's name is to trust in something God holds very dear.

29. His name, He holds in high esteem.
30. His reputation means a great deal to God (remember David and Goliath).
31. To be in God's presence, is to know you are not alone no matter what you are having to face.