

“Even Death and Destruction hold no secrets from the Lord. How much more does he know the human heart!” Proverbs 15:11 NLT

## lectio // Proverbs 15:1-12

A very early lesson for a kid to learn is that their parents just KNOW stuff. For many years, they believe they just can't get away with doing something sneaky or wrong because Mom or Dad will know about it - not discover it, just know about it. I've always wondered what it would be like if everyone realized that God KNOWS and records everything that has ever happened in our life. I wondered what it would be like if God just played some highlight reels of our very worst decision moments? I don't mean when we did something stupid and can laugh about it, but something so shameful that WE never want to think about it, let alone have it shown in high-def-highlights! Wisdom guys tell us, God sees, he knows all. Even death, even hell cannot erase the secrets kept. Those thoughts, those behaviors, those evil, manipulative, selfish things are all accessible to God. Umph. That's lousy. God knows our heart. Good and bad, motive and mind, ideas and dreams, even plans and executions. Two things about sin: Psalm 103:12 says, "He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west," and 1 John 1:9 NLT "But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." So sin can and is dealt with because of the work of Jesus on the cross. The positive, God know our pain, struggle, frustrations with ourself and our world. Notice that God knows the HUMAN heart. We are uniquely duplicitous because of sin. We want to do good, but still choose evil. The perfection God speaks of is in our near future, also through Jesus.

## oratio

Dad,

I am thrilled you know my heart, all of it. The good, the striving to be good, not just behave good. The struggle to reign in my own selfishness, greed and impatience. You know and see it all. It's embarrassing for me to think of all that. The part I like, is that you also know how much I love you, want to obey you and truly be led by you. It's quite an interesting war here on this planet, in this realm of existence. I know you'll win, and I know you'll keep me on your path of life and not wander off to death.

## contemplatio

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root