

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 157 – *Delight Not Seemly For A Fool Through A Man Of Great Wrath (Proverbs 19:10-19)*

1. Is delight [delicate living; ASV 1901] seemly [suitable] for a fool?

No: *“Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes” (Proverbs 19:10).*

- **Proverbs 17:7.**
- *“(21) For three things the earth is disquieted [stands in awe], and for four which it cannot bear: (22) For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat; (23) For an odious [hateful] woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress” (Proverbs 30:21-23).*

2. What defers a man’s anger?

“The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression” (Proverbs 19:11).

- We need discretion (**Proverbs 2:11** and **Proverbs 3:21-22**).
- We need to control anger (**Psalms 37:8**, **Proverbs 14:29**, **Proverbs 15:18**, **Proverbs 16:32**, and **Colossians 3:12-13**).

3. What is a king’s wrath likened unto?

A roaring of a lion: *“The king’s wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass” (Proverbs 19:12).*

- **Proverbs 16:14-15**, **Proverbs 20:2**, and **Proverbs 28:15**.

4. What are a foolish son and a contentious wife compared to?

No: *“A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping” (Proverbs 19:13).*

- A foolish child is no joy to any parent (**Proverbs 10:1**, **Proverbs 15:20**, **Proverbs 17:21**, and **Proverbs 17:25**).
- There is a way to bring foolishness out of a child (cf. **Proverbs 22:15**).
- A contentious wife is horrible too (**Proverbs 21:9**, **Proverbs 21:19**, **Proverbs 25:24**, and **Proverbs 27:15**).

5. Who leaves houses and riches behind?

A father: *“House and riches are the inheritance of fathers...” (Proverbs 19:14).*

- Under the Old Law, an earthly inheritance was of the utmost importance (**Genesis 17:7-8** and **Ezra 9:10-12**; cf. **Proverbs 13:22**). Under the Law of Christ we work to give our children a far greater inheritance (**II Timothy 3:15**).

6. Who is the source of prudent wives?

The Lord: *"...a prudent wife is from the LORD"* (**Proverbs 19:14**).

- **Proverbs 18:22, Proverbs 31:10-31, and James 1:17.**

7. Is it productive to be lazy?

"Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger" (**Proverbs 19:15**).

- **Proverbs 6:9-10, Proverbs 19:24, Proverbs 20:13, Proverbs 21:25, Proverbs 22:13, Proverbs 23:21, Proverbs 26:13-15, Romans 12:11, and Hebrews 6:12.**

8. If you want to keep your soul what should you keep?

"He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die" (**Proverbs 19:16**).

- **Deuteronomy 4:2, Proverbs 3:1, Ecclesiastes 8:5, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Jeremiah 7:23, Luke 11:28, John 14:15, John 14:21-23, John 15:10-14, and Revelation 22:14.**

9. Will we be rewarded for aiding those who are truly poor?

Yes: *"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again"* (**Proverbs 19:17**).

- **Proverbs 28:27, Matthew 6:19-21, II Corinthians 9:6-8, and Philippians 4:14-17.**

10. Can withholding correction from a child leave that child hopeless?

"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (**Proverbs 19:18**).

- **Proverbs 3:12, Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 22:6, Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 23:13-14, Proverbs 29:15, Proverbs 29:17, and Ephesians 6:4.**

11. Does a man of great wrath learn from his mistakes?

No: *"A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again"* (**Proverbs 19:19**).

- **Proverbs 25:28 and Proverbs 29:22.**