

## A Scorner Loveth Not One That Reproveth Him

### I. Introduction:

A. Paul asked a question: “*Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth*” (**Galatians 4:16**)?

1. Why would a person, or group of people, not want to hear the truth? It doesn't make sense, does it? Jesus put forth points on these things (**John 8:43-47**).

2. Yet, when you realize what the truth can do it is puzzling as to why people wouldn't want to hear it (**John 8:32, John 17:17, Colossians 1:5-6, and II Timothy 2:24-26**).

B. Think about how Jesus was not received well by many and why (**John 7:7**).

1. People often don't want exposed (**John 3:19-21**).

2. Some feel targeted and want to attack (**Luke 11:39-54**).

3. Ideally, the lost would hear the truth and apply it towards salvation. However, some people are inclined otherwise (**II Thessalonians 2:10**). Among those types are scorners.

### II. Body: **Proverbs 15:12**

A. Looking at the terms in **Proverbs 15:12**

1. Scorer: “Properly to make mouths at, that is, to scoff; hence (from the effort to pronounce a foreign language) to interpret, or (generally) intercede: - ambassador, have in derision, interpreter, make a mock, mocker, scorn (-er, -ful), teacher” (Strong's # 3887).

2. Loveth: “To have affection for (sexually or otherwise): - (be-) love (-d, -ly, -r), like, friend” (Strong's # 157).

3. Reproveth: “To be right (that is, correct); reciprocally to argue; causatively to decide, justify or convict: - appoint, argue, chasten, convince, correct (-ion), daysman, dispute, judge, maintain, plead, reason (together), rebuke, reprove (-r), surely, in any wise” (Strong's # 3198). Cf. **Proverbs 3:12** “correcteth.”

4. The point, a person who will scoff or mock at you because you correct them will not show you any affection (**Proverbs 9:7-8**).

B. Consider some things about scorners [לֹצֵן] revealed in the book of Proverbs:

1. They love to scorn (**Proverbs 1:22**).

2. They will receive what they dish out (**Proverbs 3:34; 14:6**).

3. The scorner [mock] is a fool (**Proverbs 14:9**).

4. The scorner can be made to be an example of what not to be for others (**Proverbs 19:25; 21:11**).

5. Scorning is a trait of ungodly witnesses and judgment is prepared for them (**Proverbs 19:28-29**).

6. Wine is a scorner [mock] (**Proverbs 20:1**).

7. Dealing in proud wrath is a sign of a scorner (**Proverbs 21:24**).
8. Get rid of scorners to cause contention to leave (**Proverbs 22:10**).
9. Scorners are an abomination (**Proverbs 24:9**). \* *“Thought” in this verse is making a plan; purposing; devising.*

C. Understand there are times wherein you might want to help someone with the truth, but you simply must not (**Proverbs 23:9**).

1. To try and teach some is a disobedient action and one that also causes carnal reactions (**Matthew 7:6**).
2. Not to engage in senseless argumentation (**II Timothy 2:23-26** and **Titus 3:9-11**).
3. Leave when one will not hear (**Matthew 10:14**).
4. Realize that some just don't want to learn (**Psalms 50:16-17**).
5. Those people are just stupid (**Proverbs 12:1**).

III. Conclusion: A scorner just won't hear it (**Proverbs 13:1**).