

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 133 – A Wise Son Through Keeping Instruction (Proverbs 10:1-17)

1. What is the difference between a wise son and a foolish son?

“The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother” (Proverbs 10:1).

* The wise son makes parents glad (**Proverbs 15:20, Proverbs 23:15-16, Proverbs 23:24-25, and Proverbs 29:3**).

* The parents of a fool have no joy (**Proverbs 17:21, Proverbs 17:25, and Proverbs 19:13**).

* Parents are not without blame when it comes to a child being foolish: *“The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame”* (**Proverbs 29:15**).

2. Are the treasures of wickedness profitable?

No: *“Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death”* (**Proverbs 10:2**).

* Wealth won't save anyone (**Psalms 49:6-10 and Proverbs 11:4**).

* Rather than deliverance, wealth often becomes a death trap (**Luke 12:15-21 and I Timothy 6:6-10**).

* Righteousness delivers from death (**Proverbs 12:28 and I Peter 4:18**).

3. Will the righteous suffer to starve [famish]?

No: *“The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked”* (**Proverbs 10:3**).

* The righteous will never starve (**Psalms 37:25, Luke 12:22-31, and Hebrews 13:5-6**).

* God's NOW (in a time when miracles have ceased) provides naturally (**Matthew 5:45, Acts 14:17, and Hebrews 6:7**) and through our brethren (**Acts 4:32-37 and Romans 15:25-27**).

4. Is it wise to be a lazy slacker?

No: *“(4) He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. (5) He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame”* (**Proverbs 10:4-5**).

* **Proverbs 6:6-11, Proverbs 12:24, Proverbs 19:15; 24, Proverbs 20:4, Proverbs 20:13, and Hebrews 6:11-12**.

5. In comparing the just and the wicked, who is really blessed?

"(6) Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. (7) The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot" (**Proverbs 10:6-7**).

* The just are blessed (**Deuteronomy 28:2** and **Proverbs 28:20**).

* The just will be remembered above the wicked (**Ecclesiastes 7:1**; cf. **Mark 4:3-9**).

6. What type of person receives commandments?

"The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall" (**Proverbs 10:8**).

* The wise are receptive (**Proverbs 9:9** and **Proverbs 21:11**).

* The foolish reject knowledge and will fall (**Proverbs 1:7**).

7. Do those that pervert their ways walk surely?

No: *"He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known"* (**Proverbs 10:9**).

* *"Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once"* (**Proverbs 28:18**).

8. What does the winking of the eye cause?

"He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall" (**Proverbs 10:10**).

* Diotrefes is an example of a prating fool (**III John 9-11**).

9. What is the mouth of a righteous man?

"The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked" (**Proverbs 10:11**).

* **Psalms 37:30-31, Proverbs 15:7, Proverbs 16:23-24, and Proverbs 18:4.**

10. What is the difference between hatred and love?

"Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins" (**Proverbs 10:12**).

* The reason love covers sin is here: **Proverbs 17:9** and **James 5:19-20**; cf. **Revelation 3:19**.

11. What is intended for the back of him that is void of understanding?

"In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding" (**Proverbs 10:13**).

* **Proverbs 26:3**

12. What do wise men lay up?

"Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction"
(**Proverbs 10:14**).

* **Proverbs 1:5, Proverbs 9:9, and Proverbs 19:8.**

13. What is the strong city of a rich man?

His wealth: *"The rich man's wealth is his strong city: the destruction of the poor is their poverty"* (**Proverbs 10:15**).

* **Psalms 49:6-7, Jeremiah 9:23, and I Timothy 6:17.**

14. Are the righteous and the wicked working to get to the same end?

No: *"The labour of the righteous tendeth to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin"*
(**Proverbs 10:16**).

* *"Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him"* (**Isaiah 3:10-11**).

15. What do those of us in the way of life need to keep?

"He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth"
(**Proverbs 10:17**).

* **Proverbs 4:13, Matthew 7:24-27, and Hebrews 12:25.**