

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 137 – Loving Instruction Through Reaping What Is Sown (Proverbs 12:1-14)

1. If one loves instruction what else does he or she love?

“Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish”
(Proverbs 12:1).

* Psalms 119:97-100, Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 2:10-11, Romans 6:17,
Philippians 1:9, II Thessalonians 2:10-12, and James 1:16-25.

2. What is one that hates reproof?

“Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish”
(Proverbs 12:1).

* To be brutish is to be stupid [Strong's # 1198]
(<http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H1198&t=KJV>).

* Psalms 32:9, Psalms 92:6, Isaiah 1:3, and Jeremiah 10:21.

3. Does God view a good man and a man of wicked devices in the same way?

No: *“A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn”* (Proverbs 12:2).

* Those good and obtaining favor of God are those who find Him (Proverbs 8:35).

* “Good” is defined by God, not our own dictionaries (Matthew 7:21-23 and II Timothy 3:16-17).

* Evil men will be condemned (Philippians 3:18-19).

* To be saved from condemnation one has to be in Christ and walking aright
(Romans 8:1, Galatians 3:27, II Corinthians 5:17, and Ephesians 2:10).

4. Will a man be established by wickedness?

No: *“A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand”* (Proverbs 12:3; 7).

* Job 20:5-9, Psalms 37:35-36, and Proverbs 10:25.

* The righteous are not moveable (Psalms 125:1-2, I Corinthians 15:58, and Colossians 2:7).

5. What kind of woman should a man seek for a wife?

"A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones" (**Proverbs 12:4**).

* **Proverbs 14:1, Proverbs 19:13-14, and Proverbs 31:10.**

6. For us to be righteous, what kind of thoughts should we have?

"The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit" (**Proverbs 12:5**).

* **Proverbs 16:3, Isaiah 55:7, Romans 12:1-2, and II Corinthians 10:5.**

* Having foolish thoughts is a sin (**Proverbs 24:9; cf. Acts 8:22**).

7. Should you trust in the words of the wicked?

No: *"The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them"* (**Proverbs 12:6**).

* **Proverbs 26:24-26, Isaiah 59:7, and Jeremiah 5:26.**

8. What is a man commended according to?

"A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised" (**Proverbs 12:8**).

* We should seek commendation of the Lord rather than ourselves (**II Corinthians 10:17-18**).

* The wisdom that leads to commendation needs to be from God rather than worldly wisdom (**I Corinthians 3:19**).

9. Is it better to be despised or to be one who seeks your own honor?

"He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread" (**Proverbs 12:9**).

* *"There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches"* (**Proverbs 13:7**).

* Those that honor themselves will be humbled (**Matthew 23:12**).

10. How does a righteous man treat his animals?

"A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel" (**Proverbs 12:10**).

* **Deuteronomy 25:4 and Luke 13:15.**

11. How much understanding does one have if they follow vain persons?

"He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding" (Proverbs 12:11).

*** Psalms 26:4-5, Proverbs 4:14-15, Proverbs 13:20, I Corinthians 15:33, and Titus 1:10-11.**

12. Will both the wicked and the righteous reap what they sow?

"(12) The wicked desireth the net of evil men: but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit. (13) The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble. (14) A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him" (Proverbs 12:12-14).

*** Job 4:8, Proverbs 1:31, Isaiah 3:10-11, Hosea 8:7, Matthew 16:27, and Galatians 6:7-8.**