Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 140 – Righteousness Keeps The Upright Through Law Of The Wise (Proverbs 13:6-14)

1. What keeps one who is upright "in the way"?

"Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way..." (**Proverbs 13:6**).

- * Psalms 25:21, Psalms 26:1, Proverbs 2:20, Proverbs 11:3, and Proverbs 11:5-6.
- * The way of righteousness (Matthew 21:32; cf. John 14:6).
- * Some turn away from the way of righteousness (II Peter 2:20-22).
- 2. What overthrows sinners?
 - "...but wickedness overthroweth the sinner" (**Proverbs 13:6**).
 - * II Chronicles 28:22-23, Proverbs 21:12, Isaiah 1:28, and Galatians 6:7-8.
- 3. If one is financially wealthy does that mean they have everything they need?

 No: "There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches" (**Proverbs 13:7**).
 - * James 5:1-6, and Revelation 3:17; cf. Matthew 9:12
- 4. Will rich men try to use their wealth as a ransom [redemption price]?

 Yes: "The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke"

 (Proverbs 13:8; cf. Jeremiah 41:8).
 - * In some ways this is right (Exodus 21:28-30).
 - * However, one who is rich cannot pay their way or anyone else's way out of transgressions (**Psalms 49:6-10** and **Matthew 16:26**).
- 5. Will the light of the righteous outshine that of the wicked?

 Yes: "The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out"

 (Proverbs 13:9).
 - * Light of the righteous (**Proverbs 4:18** and **Matthew 5:14-16**).
 - * Lamp of the wicked (**Job 18:5-6**, **Proverbs 24:20**, and **Matthew 25:1-13**).
- 6. Does pride bring about contention?

Yes: "Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom" (Proverbs 13:10). * Luke 22:24-30 and III John 9-11.

- 7. If one is to gain wealth, what way should they go about doing so?

 Through hard work: "Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase" (Proverbs 13:11).
 - * Wealth gotten by vanity (Job 20:15, Proverbs 10:2, Proverbs 20:21, and Jeremiah 17:11).
 - * Laboring for increase (Psalms 128:2 and Proverbs 27:23-27).
- 8. When you wait for something good to come, how do you feel when it finally occurs? "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).
 - * Luke 2:25-30
- 9. What will happen to those who despise God's word?
 - "Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded" (**Proverbs 13:13**).
 - * Proverbs 1:30-31, Ezekiel 20:10-26, John 12:48, and Hebrews 10:26-31.
 - * Those that fear the commands of God and obey them will be rewarded (**Psalms 19:7-11**).
- 10. What good comes from the law of the wise?
 - "The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death" (**Proverbs** 13:14).
 - * Psalms 111:10 and Proverbs 28:7.