

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 141 – Good Understanding Through The Wicked Shall Be In Want (Proverbs 13:15-25)

1. What can provide one with favor rather than having a hard way?

“Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard” (Proverbs 13:15).

*** I Samuel 18:14-16, Proverbs 3:3-4, Proverbs 14:35, Daniel 1:3-8, and Luke 2:46-52.**

2. What is one difference between a prudent man and a fool?

A prudent man acts with knowledge while a fool spreads his foolishness: *“Every prudent man dealth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly” (Proverbs 13:16).*

*** Psalms 112:5, Proverbs 12:23, Proverbs 15:2, Proverbs 16:22, and Proverbs 17:27-28.**

3. Is it wise to choose a wicked messenger for a task because they might have worldly knowledge?

No: *“A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health” (Proverbs 13:17).*

*** Proverbs 25:13, Proverbs 26:6, and II Corinthians 2:17.**

4. Is it good to refuse instruction?

No: *“Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured” (Proverbs 13:18).*

*** Even more than poverty shall come: Proverbs 12:1, Proverbs 13:13, Proverbs 15:31-32, Jeremiah 6:19, John 12:48, and Hebrews 12:24-25.**

5. Does one receive satisfaction once something desired has been accomplished?

Yes: *“The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul...” (Proverbs 13:19).*

*** If we are talking about something sweet to the soul, not the flesh (Ephesians 2:3 and I Peter 2:11), we are talking about good desires (Romans 2:7 and I Thessalonians 3:6).**

6. Do fools think it is a good idea to depart from evil?

No: *“...but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil” (Proverbs 13:19).*

*** Proverbs 14:9; 16**

7. Does our choice of friends have an impact on our behavior?

Yes: *"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed"* (**Proverbs 13:20**).

* **Deuteronomy 7:1-6, Proverbs 9:6, Proverbs 12:11, I Corinthians 15:33, and II John 9-11.**

8. What pursues [follows after] sinners?

"Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed" (**Proverbs 13:21**).

* Under the Old Law, God directly made sure of this (**Hosea 10:12-13** and **Amos 9:10**).

* Now, some will have things catch up with them at the Judgment (**Romans 6:23** and **Galatians 6:7-8**) while others will reap some of their own doings in this life as well (**Proverbs 22:8**).

9. Under the Old Law, an earthly inheritance was of the utmost importance (Genesis 17:7-8 and Ezra 9:10-12). Under the Law of Christ we work to give our children a far greater inheritance (II Timothy 3:15). With those things in mind, what kind of person leaves an inheritance that will last for even their grandchildren?

"A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just" (**Proverbs 13:22**).

10. When the poor plow and get much food what happens when they lack in judgment concerning what to do with that food?

Herein we find the principle that we see often when poor people come into great money: *"Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment"* (**Proverbs 13:23**).

* *"There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up"* (**Proverbs 21:20**).

11. Can someone claim to be a loving parent when they refuse to correct his or her child?

No: *"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes"* (**Proverbs 13:24**).

* **Proverbs 19:18, Proverbs 22:6, Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 23:13-14, Proverbs 29:15, Proverbs 29:17, Ephesians 6:1-4, and Hebrews 12:6-8.**

12. Is it the righteous person or the wicked person who understands contentment?

The righteous: *"The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want"* (**Proverbs 13:25**).

* **Psalms 37:16, Philippians 4:11, I Timothy 6:6-10, and Hebrews 13:5-6.**