

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 158 – Hear Counsel Through Judgment and Stripes For Fools (Proverbs 19:20-29)

1. What do we need to hear and receive to be wise in our latter end?

*“Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end”*  
(Proverbs 19:20).

- **Proverbs 2:1-9, Proverbs 21:30, and I Corinthians 4:6.**
- We can receive instruction just from things like observation as well (**Proverbs 24:30-32**).
- Some are just unwilling to receive instruction (**Jeremiah 17:21-23** and **Jeremiah 32:33**).

2. Should we put our own counsel in our hearts or should we put the counsel of the Lord in our hearts?

The counsel of the Lord: *“There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand”* (Proverbs 19:21).

- The counsel of God stands (**Psalms 33:10-11** and **Isaiah 46:10**; cf. **Proverbs 3:5-7**).
- We shouldn't trust in our hearts (**Proverbs 28:26, Jeremiah 16:12, and Jeremiah 17:9**).

3. Is kindness something that is desired of man?

Yes: *“The desire of a man is his kindness...”* (Proverbs 19:22).

- **Luke 6:35 and Colossians 3:12.**

4. Is it better to be poor or to be a liar?

*“...and a poor man is better than a liar”* (Proverbs 19:22).

- The poor can be saved (**Psalms 72:13** and **Luke 16:19-31**; cf. **Proverbs 19:1**).
- Liars cannot be saved (**Revelation 21:8**).

5. Is it good to fear the Lord?

Good and necessary: *“The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil”* (Proverbs 19:23).

- **Psalms 33:18-19, Psalms 34:9-11, Psalms 85:9, Psalms 103:17, Proverbs 14:27, Proverbs 15:33, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Philippians 2:12, and I Peter 2:17.**

6. Will slothful [lazy; sluggard] individuals put much food on the table?

No: *“A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again”* (Proverbs 19:24).

- **Proverbs 19:15, Proverbs 20:4, Proverbs 24:30-34, Proverbs 26:13-16, Ecclesiastes 10:18, and Romans 12:11.**

7. Can smiting a scorner [mocker] help the simple [naive] learn anything?
- Sure: *"Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware..."* (**Proverbs 19:25**).
  - **Deuteronomy 13:6-11** and **Proverbs 21:11**.
8. Do people of understanding receive correction well?
- Yes: *"...and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge"* (**Proverbs 19:25**).
- **Proverbs 9:9-10** and **Proverbs 17:10**.
9. What can a child do to bring reproach upon his family?
- "He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach"* (**Proverbs 19:26**).
- **Proverbs 10:1**, **Proverbs 17:21**, and **Proverbs 17:25**.
10. What kind of instruction should we NOT listen to?
- "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge"* (**Proverbs 19:27**).
- **Psalms 1:1-2**, **Mark 4:24**, **Romans 16:17-18**, **Ephesians 4:14**, **I Timothy 1:3-7**, and **I Timothy 6:3-5**.
11. Does an ungodly witness make a mockery of true judgment?
- Yes: *"An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity"* (**Proverbs 19:28**).
- **I Samuel 8:1-3** and **Acts 6:9-15**.
12. Will a scorner escape judgment?
- No: *"Judgments are prepared for scorners..."* (**Proverbs 19:29**).
- **II Peter 3:1-10**.
13. For whom are stripes on the back prepared for?
- "...and stripes for the back of fools"* (**Proverbs 19:29**).
- **Proverbs 10:13** and **Proverbs 26:3**; cf. **Proverbs 17:10**.