

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 166 – Cast Out The Scorners Through Wisely Trusting In The Lord (Proverbs 22:10-19)

1. What benefits are there to casting out scorners [scoffers; mockers]?

Contention and strife cease: *“Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease”* (**Proverbs 22:10**).

- **Nehemiah 13:23-28, Proverbs 26:20-21, and I Corinthians 5:1-8.**
- Scorners are an abomination to men (**Proverbs 24:9**).

2. Are those who love pureness of heart ever appreciated by anyone?

Yes, kings (righteous king is implied; cf. **Proverbs 29:27, John 7:7, and John 15:17-18**): *“He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend”* (**Proverbs 22:11**).

- Smart Kings will befriend the righteous (**Proverbs 14:35, Proverbs 16:13, and Acts 7:9-10**).
- We should all have pure hearts (**Psalms 24:1-4, Matthew 5:8, I Timothy 1:5, Hebrews 10:22, and I Peter 1:22**) and we should be with them who have pure hearts (**II Timothy 2:22**).

3. Is it the words of knowledge or the words of the transgressor that the Lord overthrows?

He overthrows the words of the transgressor: *“The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor”* (**Proverbs 22:12**).

- For one, the eyes of the Lord are everywhere (**II Chronicles 16:7-9 and Proverbs 15:3**).
- Knowledge is key for us (**Colossians 1:10, I Timothy 2:4, and II Peter 1:2**).
- The words of transgressors will not stand (**II Timothy 3:8-9**; cf. **Proverbs 11:6**).
- Transgressors will be destroyed (**Psalms 37:38, Proverbs 2:22, and Isaiah 1:28**).

4. Do slothful individuals make excuses not to work?

Yes: *“The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets”* (**Proverbs 22:13**).

- **Proverbs 20:4, Proverbs 24:30-34, and Proverbs 26:13-16.**
- One is not serving the Lord if they are lazy (**Romans 12:11**).

5. What kind of man falls into the mouth of a strange woman?

The kind of man the Lord abhors: *“The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein”* (**Proverbs 22:14**).

- Strange women lay traps (**Proverbs 5:3-21, Proverbs 7:1-5, and Proverbs 23:27**).

- The kind of man that falls for strange women (a man that sins and follows the lust of the flesh – **Matthew 5:27-30** and **James 1:13-16**), is the kind of man that the Lord abhors (**Psalms 11:4-5**, **Proverbs 15:26**, **Proverbs 16:16-19**, and **Proverbs 28:9**).
- The Lord allows fools to fall into the traps of their desires (**Psalms 81:10-12**).

6. How do you get foolishness out of a child?

The rod of correction: *“Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him”* (**Proverbs 22:15**).

- **Deuteronomy 21:18-21**, **Proverbs 1:8**, **Proverbs 3:12**, **Proverbs 13:24**, **Proverbs 22:6**, **Proverbs 22:15**, **Proverbs 23:13-14**, **Proverbs 29:15**, **Proverbs 29:17**, **Ephesians 6:1-4**, and **Hebrews 12:7-9**.

7. Is it a good idea to oppress the poor so that you can increase your own wealth?

No: *“He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want”* (**Proverbs 22:16**).

- **Psalms 12:5** and **Proverbs 14:31**.
- Those truly poor should be taken care of (**Deuteronomy 15:7** and **Proverbs 19:17**).
- Notice this: *“Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble”* (**Psalms 41:1**).
- More on this in our next context too (**Proverbs 22:22-23**).

8. Is it a pleasant thing to hear the words of the wise and to apply your heart to knowledge?

Yes: *“(17) Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. (18) For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips”* (**Proverbs 22:17-18**).

- It is pleasant to hear the words of wisdom (**Psalms 119:103**, **Psalms 119:162**, **Proverbs 24:13-14**, and **Jeremiah 15:16**).
- We want the kind of wisdom that points us toward God (**Proverbs 2:1-5** and **Proverbs 5:1-2**).
- The word of God is our source of wisdom (**Psalms 119:130**, **Psalms 19:7**, and **II Timothy 3:15-17**).

9. In whom will we trust when we hear true wisdom?

The Lord: *“That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee”* (**Proverbs 22:19**).

- Our own wisdom causes us to trust in ourselves (**Isaiah 47:10**).
- Yet, our salvation comes from trusting in God (**Isaiah 12:2**).