

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 169 – Don't Withhold Correction Through Buying The Truth (Proverbs 23:13-23)

### 1. Is it right to correct a child?

Yes, it is right to correct a child: *"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die"* (**Proverbs 23:13**).

- **Proverbs 3:12, Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 19:18, Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 29:15, and Proverbs 29:17.**

### 2. Does correcting a child have an impact on his or her soul?

Correction can deliver a soul from Hell: *"Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell"* (**Proverbs 23:14**).

- **Proverbs 22:6 and Ephesians 6:4.**
- Discipline should be about the saving of a soul (cf. **I Corinthians 5:1-5**).

### 3. What can a child do to cause his or her parents to rejoice?

*"(15) My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. (16) Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things"* (**Proverbs 23:15-16**).

- **Proverbs 10:1, Proverbs 15:20, and Proverbs 29:3.**
- Of course, we know that we make God happy when we do the right things (**Colossians 1:10**).
- Those whom are taught also bring joy to there father-like teachers (i.e. our children in the faith – **I Corinthians 4:14-15, I Thessalonians 2:11-12, I Timothy 1:2, Titus 1:4, I John 2:12, and III John 3-4**).
- Even IF a child errs, when he or she turns and does that which is right there is joy in the eyes of a parent (**Luke 15:11-32**).

### 4. Should we envy sinners?

*"Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long"* (**Proverbs 23:17**).

- **Psalms 37:1-3, Proverbs 3:31, and Proverbs 24:1.**
- You shouldn't envy anyone (**Job 5:2, Proverbs 14:30, Proverbs 27:4, Galatians 5:26, James 3:16, and I Peter 2:1-2**).
- On top of that, the only things you could envy of a sinner would be worldly things. Those THINGS should NOT be our focus (**Matthew 6:19-24, I Peter 2:11, and I John 2:15-17**).

5. What is the difference between the end of a child of God and the end of a sinner?  
*“(17) Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long. (18) For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off”*  
**(Proverbs 23:17-18).**
- The end of the righteous is good (**Psalms 37:37, John 5:28-29, and Romans 6:21-22**).
  - On the other hand, the end of the sinner is not something to envy (**II Thessalonians 2:12 and Revelation 21:8**; cf. **I Peter 4:17-19**).
6. If one hears the truth and becomes wise, what should that person do with his or her heart?  
*“Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way”* (**Proverbs 23:19**).
- **Psalms 119:32, Proverbs 4:23, Proverbs 23:12, and Proverbs 23:26.**
  - The way is His way (**Deuteronomy 10:12, Joshua 22:5, and John 14:6**).
7. Why should we avoid winebibbers and gluttons?  
*“(20) Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: (21) For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags”*  
**(Proverbs 23:20-21).**
- **Proverbs 21:17, Proverbs 28:7, Romans 13:13, and I Peter 4:1-5.**
  - Alcohol doesn’t bring good things (**Proverbs 20:1, Isaiah 5:11, Isaiah 5:22, Isaiah 28:7-8, and Hosea 4:11**).
  - Whether with food or anything else, serving our carnal lusts is not good (**Matthew 26:41 and Galatians 5:24**).
  - Remember how this chapter began (**Proverbs 23:1-3**).
8. Does God expect children to listen to their parents?  
*Yes: “Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old”* (**Proverbs 23:22**).
- **Proverbs 1:8, Mark 7:10, and Ephesians 6:1-2.**
  - Under the Law of Moses, a disobedient child would be stoned (**Deuteronomy 21:18-21**).
9. What should be bought, but not sold?  
 Truth, wisdom, instruction, and understanding: *“Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding”* (**Proverbs 23:23**).
- Truth is necessary (**John 8:32 and I Timothy 2:4**) and has been compared to valuable things so that we can see value in truth (**Psalms 119:72 and Psalms 119:127**).
  - Get wisdom (**Proverbs 2:2-4, Proverbs 4:5-7, and Proverbs 16:16**), instruction (**Proverbs 4:13 and Proverbs 10:17**), and understanding (**Proverbs 16:16; 22**).
  - Don’t sell out (**Matthew 16:24-26**) or compromise (**Joshua 1:7-8 and Philippians 1:17**).