

Proverbs

The Blessings of Wisdom, Instruction
& Reproof

Purposes/Uses Of The Book

(Prov. 1:2-6)

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion-- 5 A wise [man] will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.

What Is A Proverb?

- Proverb – a ruling saying
 - General rule (not exception)
 - Provide godly wisdom (Prov. 1:7)
 - Meant to be applied on earth
 - Written for application! (Jas. 1:22-25)

Wisdom Review

- Get wisdom! (4:5,7)
- Blessings of wisdom:
 - Success! (24:3-7)
 - Perspective (17:24; 22:3)
 - More wisdom (14:6; 21:20)

Instruction & Reproof

- Instruction, warning, correction, discipline, chastisement
- [Pro 27:5-6 NKJV] 5 Open rebuke [is] better Than love carefully concealed. 6 Faithful [are] the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy [are] deceitful.

Instruction & Reproof

- [Pro 28:23 NKJV] 23 He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward Than he who flatters with the tongue.
- NT Examples:
 - Peter (Luk. 22:31-32; Gal. 2:11-14)
 - Simon (Acts 8:18-24)
 - Apollos (Acts (18:24-26)

Instruction & Reproof

- [Pro 22:17-21 NKJV] 17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge; 18 For [it is] a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; Let them all be fixed upon your lips, 19 So that your trust may be in the LORD; I have instructed you today, even you. 20 Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge, 21 That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth, That you may answer words of truth To those who send to you?

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- [Pro 15:31-33 NKJV] 31 The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among the wise. 32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding. 33 The fear of the LORD [is] the instruction of wisdom, And before honor [is] humility.
- [Pro 19:20 NKJV] 20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.

Instruction & Reproof

- [Pro 23:12 NKJV] 12 Apply your heart to instruction, And your ears to words of knowledge.
- [Pro 18:15 NKJV] 15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- [Pro 10:8 NKJV] 8 The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool will fall.

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- [Pro 10:13-14 NKJV] 13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding, But a rod [is] for the back of him who is devoid of understanding. 14 Wise [people] store up knowledge, But the mouth of the foolish [is] near destruction.
- [Pro 19:27 NKJV] 27 Cease listening to instruction, my son, And you will stray from the words of knowledge.
- [Pro 13:1 NKJV] 1 A wise son [heeds] his father's instruction, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

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Receiving Instruction

What Attitude?

- [Pro 23:23 NKJV] 23 Buy the truth, and do not sell [it], [Also] wisdom and instruction and understanding.
- [Pro 12:1 NKJV] 1 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction [is] stupid.
- [Pro 13:13-14 NKJV] 13 He who despises the word will be destroyed, But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded. 14 The law of the wise [is] a fountain of life, To turn [one] away from the snares of death.
- [Pro 10:16-17 NKJV] 16 The labor of the righteous [leads] to life, The wages of the wicked to sin. 17 He who keeps instruction [is in] the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray.

Receiving Instruction

What Source?

- [Pro 13:20 NKJV] 20 He who walks with wise [men] will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.
- [Pro 12:15 NKJV] 15 The way of a fool [is] right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel [is] wise.

Receiving Rebukes

Effective Rebukes

- [Pro 25:11-12 NKJV] 11 A word fitly spoken [is like] apples of gold In settings of silver. 12 [Like] an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold [Is] a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.
- [Pro 15:5 NKJV] 5 A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent.
- [Pro 20:30 NKJV] 30 Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, As [do] stripes the inner depths of the heart.
- [Pro 17:10 NKJV] 10 Rebuke is more effective for a wise [man] Than a hundred blows on a fool.

Receiving Rebukes

Reactions

- [Pro 19:25 NKJV] 25 Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary; Rebuke one who has understanding, [and] he will discern knowledge.
- [Pro 21:11 NKJV] 11 When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise; But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

Receiving Rebukes

Rejecting Rebukes

- [Pro 29:1 NKJV] 1 He who is often rebuked, [and] hardens [his] neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.
- [Pro 15:10-12 NKJV] 10 Harsh discipline [is] for him who forsakes the way, [And] he who hates correction will die. 11 Hell and Destruction [are] before the LORD; So how much more the hearts of the sons of men. 12 A scoffer does not love one who corrects him, Nor will he go to the wise.