

Your character determines how you learn!

Proverbs 13:1 A **wise son** *heareth* his father's instruction: But a **scorner** *heareth* not rebuke.

1. Will you listen? 1 A **wise son** *heareth* his father's instruction: But a **scorner** *heareth* not rebuke.
 - a. It is pride that keeps you from listening and learning
10 Only by pride cometh contention: But with the well advised *is* wisdom.
 - i. The "know it all" just causes problems
 - ii. The wise learns by listening and considering
 - iii. Find and speak to many wise because in the multitude of counsel is wisdom
 - b. God gave His Word to bless you 13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: But he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.
 - i. If you will not listen to it you will be destroyed
 1. It has great insight in how to live now
 - a. How to lead your family

- b. How to be a man
 - c. How to pay your bills
 - d. How to work
2. Most of all it will determine where you will spend eternity
- a. Be careful to teach your children the Bible
 - b. They need
- ii. Showing respect to the Word of God will bring great rewards to you both here and now as well as when life ends and begins again
- c. Know where to get instruction **14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, To depart from the snares of death.**
- i. Go to wise people, those that love God, respect Him, know His Word
 - ii. Where you choose to get instruction will determine how life goes
 - iii. Get your children in church where they can hear and learn the Word of God
 - iv. Be careful to be wise as you lead your family that they will know the Word of God

- d. If you will learn and understand then doors will open to you **15 Good understanding giveth favour: But the way of transgressors is hard.**
 - i. Going against the Lords will only makes your way hard
 - ii. People will soon decide if you understand, have good sense etc
- e. The wise man, the understanding, thoughtful man makes wise decisions **16 Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: But a fool layeth open his folly.**
 - i. The fool soon shows who he is
 - ii. Whether or not you listen and learn will soon be obvious to all
- f. Your attitude towards instruction determines much of your success or failure **18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: But he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.**
 - i. You can lose it all if you will be taught
 - ii. You can have success and honor if you will simply get instruction

- g. Choose your friends wisely **20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: But a companion of fools shall be destroyed.**
- i. If you are with those that refuse to listen then you will probably develop that same attitude
 - ii. You become like those that you associate with
 - iii. Whiners love whiners and produce more whiners
 - iv. Winner love winners and produce more winners
 - v. Your chosen environment has more to do with who you are and what you become than you would ever want to believe
- h. When you do not discipline your child to listen you do them a disservice **24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: But he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.**
- i. If you do not discipline your children then you are telling them that you do not love them
 - ii. Discipline and guidelines show love
 - iii. If you care then you do what is best for them and not necessarily what makes them happy
 - iv. You better get started young

- v. Do not listen to popular, politically correct, teaching but the Word of God

2. The importance of words and the way you speak

- a. Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me!

- b. Using your words correctly can give you good food to eat **2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: But the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.**

- i. You can desire helpful conversation and succeed

- ii. or you can fuss, fight, and complain all through life

- c. Get control of your mouth because how you use your mouth can bring success or destruction **3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *But* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.**

- i. If you are careful how you talk then you will be rewarded

- ii. You can ruin things if you do not control your mouth

- d. Living out who you are will cause you to tell the truth **5 A righteous *man* hateth lying: But a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.**

- i. While God's people hate lies the wicked seems to love living in them
- ii. The lies will embarrass him sooner or later
- e. How you talk determines much of your success **17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: But a faithful ambassador is health.**
 - i. If you talk stupid you will act stupid
 - ii. If you deal in truth and talk truth then you will have success
 - iii. You can help others be a success if you learn truth and share it

3. Work and quit dreaming

- a. The diligent, hard worker, smart will prosper **4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.**
 - i. It doesn't matter how much you want but how much you work
 - ii. Be energetic, get at it and you will have something to show for your life
- b. Trying to get money without working for it won't work —get rich schemes **11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be**

diminished: But he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

- i. Easy come easy go
- ii. Lottery wealth rarely makes wealth
- iii. Working hard and smart will cause you to increase in financial wealth

c. Be ready when the opportunity arises **12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: But *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.**

- i. Disappointments can break your heart
- ii. But if you keep dreaming and working then great joy will come

d. Work at doing what you dream of and desire **19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: But *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.**

- i. Make sure and get the right desires
 - 1. the fool wants evil and will not turn from it
 - 2. right desires are going to be sweet to your soul
- ii. God works in our desires **Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.**

- iii. If you get the right desires and work towards them you will have a satisfied life
- e. The potential to make money is there in what you have
23 Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: But there is *that is destroyed* for want of judgment.
 - i. If you do not use your head and learn you will continue to be poor
 - ii. Crooked lawyers can ruin you financially
 - iii. Guys like Naboth can lose their vineyard to crooked queens and kings
- 4. Living out who you are, righteousness will bring blessings on your life
 - a. Doing right will protect you **6 Righteousness keepeth *him that is upright in the way*: But wickedness overthroweth the sinner.**
 - i. Living out what God has put in will give you a life of meaning
 - ii. If you allow this world, sin, self to rule then you will lose the very meaning of life

- b. God makes it clear when you live the life you were meant to live **9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.**
 - i. There is joy in living out who you are
 - ii. There is light and direction
 - iii. It will bring success
 - iv. But living your own selfish way will lead to destruction
 - c. Who you are determines much of what will happen to you **21 Evil pursueth sinners: But to the righteous good shall be repayed.**
 - i. The sinner is courting disaster
 - ii. Those that honor God will be blessed
5. The importance of money in your life
- a. Be a giver **7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: There is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.**
 - i. Possibly you think that giving you cause you to lose money and get behind financially but that is not what this proverb says
 - ii. Real riches are not having money but using money

- iii. You can get money in the bank and be very poor
- b. Money can cause you risk **8** *The ransom of a man's life are his riches: But the poor heareth not rebuke.*
 - i. They will sue you for your money
 - ii. No one wants to bother the poor guy
- c. Pass on a good name and reputation more than worrying about passing on money **22** *A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.*
- d. Get the right appetite and you will be satisfied **25** *The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: But the belly of the wicked shall want.*
 - i. If what you want is what is right then you will be satisfied
 - ii. If you are seeking what you should not be seeking then you can expect to never be satisfied
 - iii. It is never money that satisfies
 - iv. It is never houses, things, cars but God and righteousness that satisfies