



# LOVING GOD'S TOUGH LOVE!

(Joey Faust, 6-27-21)



**TEXT: Ecclesiastes 12:9** And moreover, because **the preacher was wise**, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, **he gave good heed**, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

**10** The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, **even words of truth.**

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**1 Samuel 13:21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulter, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads.**

"The ox-goad is a stick one meter or more long with a nail at one end..."

*(Archaeological Ethnography in Western Iran, 1979)*

**"*Ox goad*: A long stick with a small  
brad or nail near the end..."**

***(Oxen: A Teamster's Guide to  
Raising, Training, Driving &  
Showing, 2015)***

**Deuteronomy 12:8** Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man **whatsoever is right in his own eyes.**

**Proverbs 21:2** Every way of a man is right in his own eyes...

Proverbs 12:15 The **way of a fool is right in his own eyes:** but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Proverbs 26:12 Seest thou a man **wise in his own conceit?** there is more hope of a fool than of him.



**Proverbs 28:11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit...**

**Proverbs 30:12 There is a generation that are **pure in their own eyes**, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.**

**Proverbs 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.**

**Isaiah 5:21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!**

**Romans 12:16...Be not wise in  
your own conceits.**

**Numbers 15:39...that ye seek not  
after your own heart and your  
own eyes...**

**Proverbs 28:26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool...**

**Proverbs 3:5...lean not unto thine own understanding.**

**7 Be not wise in thine own eyes...**

**Jeremiah 17:9 The heart  
is deceitful above all  
things...**

**Philippians 3:16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.**

**Hosea 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD...**

Acts 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: **it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

**2 Timothy 4:3** For **the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;



**Isaiah 30:9 That this is a rebellious  
people, lying children, children that will  
not hear the law of the LORD:**

**10 Which say to the seers, See not; and  
to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us  
right things, speak unto us smooth  
things, prophecy deceits:**

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2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that **in the last days** perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded...

7 **Ever learning**, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**Ecclesiastes 5:3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.**

**Ecclesiastes 10:14 A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be...**

**Proverbs 15:2...the mouth of fools  
poureth out foolishness.**

**Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man  
spoil you through philosophy and vain  
deceit...**

**1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:**

**Hebrews 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:**

**6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.**

**7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?**

8 But **if ye be without** chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and **we gave them reverence**: shall we not much rather **be in subjection** unto the Father of spirits, and live?



Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening **for the present seemeth** to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless **afterward** it yieldeth the **peaceable** fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

**Job 2:10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.**

**Proverbs 1:3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;**

**Proverbs 2:1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words...**

**Proverbs 4:10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings...**

**Proverbs 8:10 Receive** my instruction, and not silver...

**Proverbs 10:8 The wise in heart will receive** commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

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

**Mark 4:24** And he said unto them,  
Take heed what ye hear...

**Luke 8:18** Take heed therefore how  
ye hear...

**Zephaniah 3:2 She obeyed not the voice; she **received not correction...****

**7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt **receive instruction...****

Jeremiah 2:30 In vain have I  
smitten your children; **they**  
**received no correction...**



Jeremiah 5:3...thou hast  
consumed them, but **they have  
refused to receive correction:**  
they have made their faces  
harder than a rock...

**Jeremiah 7:28** But thou shalt say  
unto them, This is a nation that  
obeyeth not the voice of the LORD  
their God, **nor receiveth  
correction...**

**9** Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem...

Proverbs 15:10 Correction is  
**grievous** unto him that forsaketh  
the way: and he that **hateth reproof**  
shall die.

**Psalms 141:5 Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.**

Proverbs 4:8...she shall bring  
thee to honour, when thou  
dost **embrace her**.

Proverbs 7:4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art **my sister**; and call understanding **thy kinswoman**:

5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.

**Song of Solomon 8:1 O that thou wert as my  
brother...when I should find thee without...  
2 I would lead thee, and bring thee into my  
mother's house, who would instruct me: I  
would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of  
the juice of my pomegranate.**

**Isaiah 28:9 Whom shall he teach  
knowledge? and whom shall he  
make to understand doctrine?  
them that are weaned from the  
milk, and drawn from the  
breasts.**



**Proverbs 5:11 And thou mourn at the last,  
when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,  
12 And say, How have I hated instruction,  
and my heart despised reproof;  
13 And have not obeyed the voice of my  
teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that  
instructed me!**

Proverbs 9:8 Reprove not a  
scorner, lest he hate thee:  
rebuke a wise man, and **he**  
**will love thee.**

Proverbs 1:29 For that **they**  
**hated knowledge**, and did not  
choose the fear of the **LORD**:

**Proverbs 4:6...love her,  
and she shall keep thee.**

Proverbs 8:17 **I love them**  
**that love me**; and those that  
seek me early shall find me.  
36...all they **that hate me** love  
death.

**Proverbs 12:1 Whoso loveth  
instruction loveth knowledge:  
but he that **hateth reproof** is  
brutish.**

**Psalms 25:9 The meek will he  
guide in judgment: and the  
meek will he teach his way.**

**James 1:19 Wherefore, my  
beloved brethren, let every  
man be **swift to hear**, slow to  
speak, slow to wrath:**



*-He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.*

*-Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.*

*-A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.*

**Proverbs 27:5 Open rebuke is better than secret love.**

**6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.**