

The Path of Heeding Instruction

Prov. 1:7-8 “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching,”

Prov. 1:10-11 “My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. ¹¹ If they say, “Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason;

Prov. 1:23 “If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.”

Prov. 3:11-12 “My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, ¹² for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.”

Prov. 4:1 “Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight,”

Prov. 4:13 “Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.”

Prov. 5:1 “My son, be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding,”

Prov. 5:12 “and you say, “How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof!”

Prov. 6:23 “For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life,”

Prov. 8:32-36 “All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. ⁹ They are all straight to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge”

Prov. 9:8-9 “Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.”

Prov. 10:8 “The wise of heart will receive commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin.”

Prov. 10:17 “Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.”

Prov. 11:14 “Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.”

Prov. 12:1 “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.”

Prov. 13:1 “A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.”

Prov. 13:18 “Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored.”

Prov. 15:2, 4-5 “The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.” “A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. ⁵ A fool despises his father's instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent.”

Prov. 15:10 “There is severe discipline for him who forsakes the way; whoever hates reproof will die.”

Prov. 15:31-33 “The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise. ³² Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.”

Prov. 16:20-22 “Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord. ²¹ The wise of heart is called discerning, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness. ²² Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it, but the instruction of fools is folly.

Prov. 19:20 “Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future

Prov. 19:27 “Cease to hear instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.”

Prov. 27:5 “Better is open rebuke than hidden love.”

Prov. 27:6 “Faithful are the wounds of a friend, profuse are the kisses of an enemy.”

Prov. 28:23 “Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue.”

Prov. 29:15 “The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.”

2 Tim. 4:2 “preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

2 Tim. 3:16-17 “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

James 5:20 “let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”

Rev. 3:19 “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.”

Heb. 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”