

Message #43

Proverbs 13:19-25

A RIGHTEOUS/WISE PERSON WILL LIVE LIFE TOTALLY OPPOSITE FROM THE UNRIGHTEOUS FOOL AND THE FUTURE OUTCOME WILL DEMONSTRATE WHICH WAY ONE LIVED LIFE.

POINT #1 – In order for dreams to come true, there must be a departure from evil. **13:19**

The word “desire” indicates the person has a passionate longing for something. From God’s perspective, in order for a desire to come to fruition, there must be a turning from evil.

POINT #2 – In order for wisdom to be produced, there must be a careful selection of companions and friends. **13:20**

The point is obvious; we will become like those with whom we spend the majority of time.

POINT #3 – Our choice of evil or righteousness determines our future payment from God. **13:21**

Two lifestyles in this verse—one is not in conformity with God and one is in conformity. If a person opts to pursue sin, there will be one negative thing after another which will hit; but a person who pursues righteousness will be rewarded with many good things.

POINT #4 – Whoever ends up with our possessions partially determines how righteous we were. **13:22**

The central point is that God preserves the wealth of the righteous and He will see to it that the wealth of the wicked is forfeited. This promise was specifically related to Israel and her land.

POINT #5 – Doing what is right is the key to wealth, not visible resources. **13:23**

The visible size or visible amount of resources proves nothing. One could appear to be very poor and yet have great abundance about to spring to life, and another could appear to be rich and be on the verge of being swept away.

POINT #6 – Physical discipline is given to children who are truly loved. **13:24**

Physical discipline is a sign of love (**13:24**); causes change (19:18); drives away foolishness (22:15); promotes life (23:13-14); gives wisdom (29:15) and produces one in whom you take pleasure (29:17).

POINT #7 – Complete satisfaction ultimately comes to one who is righteous. **13:25**

One who conforms himself to the Word of God finds complete satisfaction and one who does not will suffer lack in all areas of life.