

Message #126

Proverbs 29:15-21

THOSE WHO FOLLOW GOD'S WORD ARE THOSE WHO WILL END UP SUCCESSFUL.

TEACHING #1 – A wise parent will discipline his child and not neglect him and allow him to go his own way. **29:15**

According to God's Word, wisdom comes to a child through both verbal and physical correction. The Hebrew word "give" speaks of a gift or a present. Discipline is a key part of God's system of giving your child the gift of wisdom.

TEACHING #2 – A wise person realizes a righteous person will always outlast a wicked person. **29:16**

A person may choose the wicked ways of the majority or the righteous ways of the minority. Three facts: 1) When wicked people multiply, so does sin; 2) The righteous cannot always stop the increase of wickedness; 3) The righteous will always outlast the wicked.

TEACHING #3 – A wise parent will discipline his child. **29:17**

This point was a major concern to the wise men of Hezekiah's day. In **verse 15** the emphasis was on the fact that discipline gives the child wisdom and neglect gives the parent shame. This proverb stresses that discipline gives the parent comfort and delight.

TEACHING #4 – A wise society recognizes the importance of carefully understanding and applying the Word of God. **29:18**

This verse has been totally misunderstood and misapplied. The noun "vision" speaks of divine, direct revelation of God (Ps. 89:18-19; Dan. 1:17; 8:1; 9:24). The word "perish" or "unrestrained" refers to unbridled and lawless. **The point of this proverb is when a society lacks God's revelation, it will run wild.**

TEACHING #5 – A wise employer knows that verbal rebuke is not enough to correct certain servants. **29:19**

There are some servants in every society who will not be verbally corrected and correction to this type of person may only come through some extreme form of discipline.

TEACHING #6 – A wise person is not one who is hasty with his words. **29:20**

Two types of people in Proverbs rank lower than fools: 1) One wise in his own eyes (26:12); 2) One who speaks in haste (**29:20**). Wise people think before they speak, fools speak before they think.

TEACHING #7 – A wise leader knows raising a child is a delicate matter. **29:21**

Two possibilities: 1) Raising a servant delicately makes him want to become a son; 2) Raising a servant delicately turns him into one like an undisciplined son.