

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* In our study of the book of Proverbs, we have transitioned into more of a "Topical Approach" in considering the Pearls of Wisdom.
- \* In our recent messages, we have seen that because YHWH is faithful and true, we can trust in Him with ALL our hearts, and make Him known in ALL our ways, by leaning not on our own understanding but, rather, following His guidance.
- \* Solomon then provides us with two critical areas of life in which we reveal that we are TRULY trusting in YHWH.
- \* Two weeks ago, we examined the call for us to honor YHWH with our material resources. With the command, YHWH provided a promise that He would bless those who trust Him in that area.
- \* Similarly, with today's exhortation we are given tremendous encouragements as well! It will take us two weeks to adequately cover the volume of verses that this "pearl" covers.
- \* Today's portion has been expounded upon by the writer of the book of Hebrews. Hence, we will use Hebrews 12:1-13 alongside Proverbs 3:11-12.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE E \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Hebrews 12:1-4; Isaiah 53:5; Philippians 2:5-8)****II. THE E \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Proverbs 3:11; Hebrews 12:5; Job 5:17-18)**

- cf. Numbers 11:18-20; 14:30-32; Psalm 106:23-25
- cf. 1 Samuel 8:6-8; 15:22-24
- cf. Psalm 118:22-23

**III. THE E \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Proverbs 3:12; Hebrews 12:6-8)****A. The E \_\_\_\_\_ of YHWH's L \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Proverbs 13:24)****B. The E \_\_\_\_\_ of Our L \_\_\_\_\_****IV. THE E \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Hebrews 12:9-11; Hebrews 5:12-14)****A. The Contrast to H \_\_\_\_\_ Chastenings****B. The Goal of G \_\_\_\_\_ Chastenings (cf. 1 Peter 1:15-16; 2:5; Romans 12:1)**

1. THAT WE MIGHT BECOME PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS
2. THAT WE MIGHT PRODUCE THE PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

**V. THE E \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Hebrews 12:12-13)***Next week ...***VI. THE E \_\_\_\_\_ ... How does God bring paideia/musar into our lives?****INTROSPECTION**

- \* DO YOU VIEW CHASTENING AS A NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE? DO YOU UNDERSTAND IT'S PURPOSE?
- \* HOW IMPORTANT IS REFLECTING THE HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE?
- \* BASED UPON GOD'S INTERACTION IN YOUR LIFE - WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE TRULY HIS CHILD?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-33. How does this concept of God's chastisement apply to the church as a body?

## Proverbs 3:11-12

<sup>11</sup> My son, do not **despise** (*H3988 ma'as*) the **chastening** (*H4148 musar*) of the LORD,

nor **detest** (*H6973 quts*) His **correction** (*H8433 tokekhhah*);

<sup>12</sup> For whom the LORD loves He **corrects** (*H3198 yakakh*), just as a father the son in whom he **delights** (*H7521 ratsah*).

**H3988 ma'as** - to spurn, disdain, despise

**H4148 musar** ... lit. m'yasar ... with correction, chastening

**H3256 yasar** ... chastise; instruct

**H6973 quts** - be disgusted, vexed or anxious; also H6962 qut - to cut off or detest

**H8433 tokekhhah** - refute; rebuke; correct

**H3198 yakakh** - convict, correct, reprove

**H7521 ratsah** - be pleased, delight, or satisfied in ... **H7522 ratson** - acceptable; delightful

## Hebrews 12:1-13

----- EXAMPLE -----

<sup>1</sup> Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance (*hupomonae*) the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured (*hupomeno*) the cross, despising (*kataphroneo* - *think against*) the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> For consider Him who endured (*hupomeno*) such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and **discouraged** (*ekluo*) in your souls. <sup>4</sup> You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

----- EXHORTATION -----

<sup>5</sup> And **you have forgotten the exhortation** (*paraklaesis*) which speaks to you as to sons: (\*\* NT and LXX \*\*)

"My son, do not **despise** (*oligoreo* - *from oligos and ora ... to care little*) the **chastening** (*paideia*) of the LORD, nor be **discouraged** (*ekluo* - *ek and luo* - *to faint; lit. to loose out of*) when you are **rebuked** (*elegcho*) by Him;

----- ENCOURAGEMENT -----

<sup>6</sup> For whom the LORD loves **He chastens** (*paideo*), and **scourges** (*mastigo* - *to flog*) every son whom He receives."

----- EDIFICATION -----

<sup>7</sup> If you endure (*hupomeno*) **chastening** (*paideia*), God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not **chasten** (*paideo*)? <sup>8</sup> But if you are without **chastening** (*paideia*), of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

<sup>9</sup> Furthermore, we have had human fathers who **corrected** (*paideutaes* - *trainer; discipliner*) us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection (*hupotasso*) to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they indeed for a few days **chastened** (*paideo*) us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, **that we may be partakers of His holiness**. <sup>11</sup> Now no **chastening** (*paideia*) seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained (*gymnazo-exercise*) by it.

----- EFFECT -----

<sup>12</sup> Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

----- EXPOSITION -----

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**1 Peter 1:15-16** <sup>15</sup> ... but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> because it is written, "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

**Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

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**Hebrews 5:12-14** <sup>12</sup> For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup> For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. <sup>14</sup> But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised (*gymnazo*) to discern both good and evil.