

**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.
- \* The first area was regarding how we honor YHWH with our material resources.
- \* Last week, we began considering the second area: how we accept the love of YHWH expressed in His chastisement. We are told, "For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son He receives." (Hebrews 12:6)
- \* As we mentioned last week, this area of our walk with the Lord has been expounded upon by the writer of the book of Hebrews. Hence, we are considering Hebrews 12:1-13 alongside Proverbs 3:11-12.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE EXAMPLE (cf. Hebrews 12:1-4; Isaiah 53:5; Philippians 2:5-8)****II. THE EXHORTATION (cf. Proverbs 3:11; Hebrews 12:5; Job 5:17-18)****III. THE ENCOURAGEMENT (cf. Proverbs 3:12; Hebrews 12:6-8)****A. The Expression of YHWH's Love (cf. Proverbs 13:24)****B. The Evidence of Our Legitimacy****IV. THE EDIFICATION (cf. Hebrews 12:9-11; Hebrews 5:12-14)****A. The Contrast to Human Chastenings****B. The Goal of Godly 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)****A. S \_\_\_\_\_ the W \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12)****B. S \_\_\_\_\_ the W \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)****VI. THE E \_\_\_\_\_****A. Through H \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16-17)**

- \* cf. Proverbs 1:2-9; 4:13; 5:21,23; 6:23; 8:33; 10:17; 12:1-2

**B. Through O \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Ephesians 6:4)**

- \* cf. Proverbs 13:24; 15:5; 22:15; 23:12-13; 19:18; 29:15; 29:17

**C. Through O \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Proverbs 15:31-33; 13:18)**

- \* cf. Proverbs 9:7-8; 15:12; 15:10; 24:30-34

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* DO YOU VIEW THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD AS A NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE?
- \* DO YOU UNDERSTAND IT'S PURPOSE?
- \* HOW IMPORTANT IS REFLECTING THE HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE?
- \* ARE YOU CONCERNED WITH HOW THE ACTIONS, AND REACTIONS, OF YOUR LIFE AFFECT OTHERS?
- \* 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 Isaiah 40:21-31. What are we reminded of in this passage that may apply to this topic of God's discipline of those He loves and how we are to treat others in the midst of that process?

## 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** (*paradechomai*)."

<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 (*metochos*), then you are illegitimate and not sons.

----- EDIFICATION -----

<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** (*metalambano*) 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.

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## Through His Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17 <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for **reproof (elegchos)**, for correction, for **instruction (paideia)** in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Proverbs 1:2-9 <sup>2</sup> To know wisdom and **instruction (musar)**, to perceive the words of understanding, <sup>3</sup> to receive **the instruction (musar)** of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; <sup>4</sup> to give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion-- <sup>5</sup> A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, <sup>6</sup> to understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles. <sup>7</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise (*buz*) wisdom and **instruction (musar)**. <sup>8</sup> My son, hear the **instruction (musar)** of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother; <sup>9</sup> For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, and chains about your neck.

Proverbs 4:13 Take firm hold of **instruction (musar)**, do not let go; keep her, for **she is your life**.

Proverbs 5:21-23 <sup>21</sup> For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and He ponders all his paths. <sup>22</sup> His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sin. <sup>23</sup> He shall die for lack of **instruction (musar)**, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment (*mitsvah*) is a lamp, and the law (*torah*) a light; **reproofs (tokekhhah)** of **instruction (musar)** are **the way of life**

Proverbs 8:33 Hear **instruction (musar)** and be wise, and do not **disdain (para)** it.

Proverbs 10:17 He who keeps **instruction (musar)** is in **the way of life**, but he who **refuses (tokekhhah)** goes astray.

Proverbs 12:1-2 <sup>1</sup> Whoever loves **instruction (musar)** loves knowledge, but he who hates **correction (tokekhhah)** is stupid. <sup>2</sup> A good man obtains **favor (ratsion)** from the LORD, but a man of wicked intentions He will condemn.

## Through Our Parents

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the **training (paideia)** and admonition (*nouthesia*) of the Lord.

Proverbs 13:24 He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him **disciplines (musar)** him promptly.

Proverbs 15:5 A fool despises his father's **instruction (musar)**, but he who receives **correction (tokekhhah)** is prudent.

Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of **correction (musar)** will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 23:12-13 <sup>12</sup> Apply your heart to **instruction (musar)**, and your ears to words of knowledge. <sup>13</sup> Do not withhold **correction (musar)** from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.

Proverbs 19:18 **Chasten (yasar)** your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction.

Proverbs 29:15 The rod and **rebuke (tokekhhah)** give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

Proverbs 29:17 **Correct (yasar)** your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

## Through Other People and Circumstances

Proverbs 15:31-33 <sup>31</sup> The ear that hears the **rebukes (tokekhhah)** of life will abide among the wise. <sup>32</sup> He who disdains (*para - dismiss*) **instruction (musar)** **despises (ma'as)** his own soul, but he who heeds **rebuke (tokekhhah)** gets understanding (*lit. builds his heart ... qanah leb*). <sup>33</sup> The fear of the LORD is the **instruction (musar)** of wisdom, and before honor is humility.

Proverbs 13:18 Poverty and shame will come to him who **disdains (para) correction (musar)**, but he who regards a **rebuke (tokekhhah)** will be honored.

Proverbs 9:7-8 <sup>7</sup> "He who **corrects (yasar)** a scoffer (*luts*) gets shame for himself, and he who **rebukes (yakakh)** a wicked man only harms himself. <sup>8</sup> Do not **correct (yakakh)** a scoffer, lest he hate you; **rebuke (yakakh)** a wise man, and he will love you.

Proverbs 15:12 A scoffer (*luts*) does not love one who **corrects (yakakh)** him, nor will he go to the wise.

Proverbs 15:10 **Harsh discipline (musar)** is for him who forsakes the way, and he who hates **correction (tokekhhah)** will die.

Proverbs 24:30-34 <sup>30</sup> I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; <sup>31</sup> And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down. <sup>32</sup> **When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction (musar)**: <sup>33</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest; <sup>34</sup> So shall your poverty come like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.