

Instructions To A Rebel Son

Text: Proverbs 13:1-25

Introduction

Chapter 13 opens with the admonition to “hear” instruction. Solomon is apparently speaking to his son, Rehoboam, the rebel son. Apparently, Solomon apparently had some of the same rebellion in his heart. David, his father, repented when rebuked by the Prophet Nathan. Yet, Solomon rebelled when rebuked in 1 Kings 11:31-40. He sought to destroy Jeroboam, when he learned of God’s anointing upon him by the Prophet Ahijah.

Nevertheless, Solomon is attempting to warn and instruct his son. He knew the day would come when Rehoboam would assume the throne, and he knew there was some preparation to be done.

I. Instructions Concerning His Mouth (vv. 2-3).

A. Have a _____ mouth (v.2).

1. The right words produce a _____ life (v.2a).

2. The rebel soul has a _____ life (v.2b).

B. Have a _____ mouth (v.3).

1. Guarding your tongue is the same as _____ your life (v.3a)

2. Running your mouth is the same as _____ your life (v.3b).

Life Principle #43 - _____

II. Instructions Concerning His Character (vv. 4-19).

A. Concerning _____ (vv. 4-9).

1. _____ for what you get (v.4).

Life Principle #44 - _____ (cf. 28:19).

2. Commit to _____ what is right (vv. 5-6).

3. Don’t live for _____ (vv. 7-9; cf. 1 Tim. 6:6-11a).

B. Concerning _____ (vv. 10-19). —*How he views himself.*

Life Principle #45 - _____

1. Pride _____ a man (v.10) —*As a trouble-maker.*

2. Pride _____ a man (vv. 11-12).

3. Pride _____ a man (vv. 13-19; cf. 16:18).

III. Instructions Concerning His Friends (vv. 20-21).

Life Principle #46 - _____

- A. Wise friends produce _____ men (v.20).
1. _____ with wise people makes you a wise person (v.20a).
—If you would walk with wise people, you must read their _____ !
 2. Friending a fool means _____ your destruction (v.20b).
- B. Foolish friends produce _____ men (v.21).
1. Sinners are never without their _____ (v.21a).
 2. Righteousness is never without its _____ (v.21b).

IV. Instructions Concerning His Family (vv. 22-25).

- A. A father's _____ (vv. 22-23).
1. Provide a _____ inheritance (v.22a).
 2. Provide a _____ inheritance (v.22b)
 3. Provide a _____ inheritance (v.23).
- B. A father's _____ (vv. 24-25).

Life Principle #47 - _____ (cf. 23:13-14).

1. Nature of discipline.
 - a. _____ (cf. Heb. 12:8-11).
 - b. _____ (cf. 22:15; 29:17)
 - c. _____ (13:24).
2. Reason of discipline.

Why is discipline helpful? Solomon relates it to the “simple.” David stated that the “simple” can be made wise (Psa. 19:7). How is the simple made wise?

- a. Scorners should be _____ (19:25).
- b. Scorners should be _____ (21:1).
- c. Scorners should be _____ out (22:10).