

Kings, Servants, & The Fear of Man

Proverbs 29 pt 4

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-Proverbs 29:15

What are some healthy ways a parent can use a rod of correction to discipline their children?

*Set c_____ expectations

*Natural consequences

*M_____

*Logical consequences

*Positive r_____

*Collaborative p_____ -solving

“Your children need your presence more than your presents.”

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13 The poor and the oppressor have this in common: the LORD gives light to the eyes of both.

What is the main idea of this verse?

➤ We are all created e_____! (Gen. 1:27)

Can you describe the significance of being made in the image of God?

*We have the capacity to r_____ God’s qualities. (love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness)

*We are capable of reason, c_____, relationship, and spiritual renewal.

*We can communicate who God is, how g_____ He is, and what He is like.

Being made in His image means God created us with a special resemblance to display, reflect, and communicate His glory and greatness. Although we are made in God’s image, we should never confuse this to being like Him as little gods. This is false teaching.

Poor: Those who were materially destitute, living in lack, needy

Oppressor: Those who charged excessive interest on a loan.

The world might not see a connection between the poor and oppressor, the weak and powerful, but what does God see?

➤ They both have l_____! (Romans 1:18-20; Galatians 3:28)

Light: Common biblical symbol for t_____ and goodness which ultimately comes from the Lord. (Psalm 27:1)

How can you share this light with those who are in darkness today?

*W_____ *W_____ *W_____

➤ Matthew 5:16; John 8:12; Acts 17:25-27

14 A king who judges the poor with fairness—his throne will be established forever.

Is this proverb a divine guarantee? _____

What about the doctor who said if you eat healthy you will live longer?

How does this verse complement the previous verse?

✓ The poor are no less c_____ in the image of God than the rich, and they too deserve fair treatment like everyone else.

A King who Judges: One who has authority to pronounce a sentence for or against someone; they can vindicate or punish; make laws, govern the people.

What important principle is King Solomon reinforcing in this verse?

➤ The command to be impartial in j_____. (Exodus 23:8; Psalm 82:3-4)

What are some ways we can be partial to people?

*Favoring people who are s_____ to them *Using d_____ standards

*Relying on stereo_____ *Social p_____

➤ James2:1-4

Notice the blessing of treating the poor with fairness: *his throne will be **established forever.*** This is God's favor.

“The sun and the moon shine on all without partiality.”

15 A rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a youth left to himself is a disgrace to his mother.

Notice the contrast:

Rod of c_____ vs No d_____ ; W_____ vs D_____

In light of the text, what is a rod?

Hebrew word shebet; meaning correction, staff, club; (Psalm 23:4)

Compare: Isaiah 10:5 and Micah 7:14 what is the difference between the two?

Is there ever an instance when a rod of anger should be used on a youth to impart correction? Why or why not?

It depends on c_____, age, and level of physical discipline used. Parent should be extra cautious as too much physical punishment could trigger other problems that stunt the child's development.

What are some potential problems of using excessive physical punishment?

*May increase a_____ *Raise anxiety & f_____ *Mental health c_____

✓ Remember, the purpose is to impart w_____ and get them to think carefully about the outcome of their choices and behavior, not to inflict p_____.

Why is should a parent never leave their child to discipline themselves?

Their brains are still d_____ *They don't understand c_____ like adults

➤ Proverbs 13:24;23:13-14; Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 12:5-6; 11

16 When the wicked increase, rebellion increases, but the righteous will see their downfall.

Notice the contrast:

W_____ vs R_____; Rising vs f_____

Wicked: those who are guilty, ungodly, and, reject God's love, wisdom, and grace; an evil person.

In light of the text, to increase, means they rise to p_____. when kings, presidents and government officials are immoral, they are likely to enable the same kind of immorality in the nation.

What are some examples increased rebellion?

*Non-cooperation *Public c_____ *Political t_____

*Organized c_____ resistance *Social movements

➤ Psalm 73:4-12

Why should the righteous hold on to their faith in God in these moments?

*The righteous will _____ their downfall. *God will r_____

➤ Psalm 94:23; Ecclesiastes 8:12-13

What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

“In God's faithfulness lies eternal security.”