

## 51. PROVERBS 15 – CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE WISE AND FOOLISH.

**Their Accountability and Humility. Proverbs 15:29–33**

**Review: Vs 29 – Their power in prayer.**

### 2. The righteous' countenance and report.

<sup>30</sup> The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: *And* a good report maketh the bones fat.

- **Vs 30** gives parallel principles.  
Someone with life / light in their eyes pulls the heart into joy.  
Be someone that thrills the hearts of others.

**Proverbs 15:13** A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

**Proverbs 15:23** A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: And a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*

- **Things to think about over this principle.**

Does your look discourage or \_\_\_\_\_?

Are you \_\_\_\_\_ to see the people that God has placed in your life?

**Conversely:** Don't \_\_\_\_\_ people. Think. Then speak. Finish and respect the time of others.

The conclusion of the matter: We need to be there for each other.

**1 Corinthians 13:7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

**Ephesians 4:1–3** I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, <sup>2</sup> With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; <sup>3</sup> Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Many people that hijack your time are needy of ***affirmation, love*** and ***acceptance***.

How can I quit being a me-monster? **Seek to serve. Look and seek to be a blessing.**

**Galatians 5:13–14** For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

- A good report strengthens you to the \_\_\_\_\_!

**Proverbs 17:22** A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine: But a broken spirit drieth the bones.

- Bad news is discouraging! Depression can be deadly.  
Bad report! **Example: Eli the priest. 1 Samuel 2:24, 27-36; 4:12–18**
- “*And* a good report maketh the bones fat.”
- Consider: if your report is always despair, or humble brag – that’s obnoxious.  
How can I quit being a me-monster? **Put on the new man. Live Christ.**  
Let the joy of the Lord be your strength, and then, let all things fall out to edification of those that God has placed in your life!

**Romans 14:19** Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

**1 Corinthians 14:26b** ...Let all things be done unto edifying.

**2 Corinthians 12:19b** ...but *we do* all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.

**Philippians 1:27** Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

**1 Timothy 4:12** Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

- Is how I'm communicating \_\_\_\_\_ the center of attention or is it \_\_\_\_\_?

### 3. The wise listen to reproof. Vs 31-33

<sup>31</sup> The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise. <sup>32</sup> He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: But he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

- *This is by now a clear and understood principle!*

**Proverbs 1:23, 25, 30; 3:11; 5:12; 6:23; 10:17; 12:1; 13:18; 15:5, 10, 32; 27:5; 29:1, 15, etc.**

**Proverbs 6:23** For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; And reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:

- The wise love to \_\_\_\_\_. They want to be \_\_\_\_\_!

**Proverbs 9:7–9** He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: And he that rebuketh a wicked *man* getteth himself a blot. <sup>8</sup> Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: Rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

<sup>9</sup> Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: Teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

<sup>33</sup> The fear of the Lord *is* the instruction of wisdom; And before honour *is* humility.

- Again, vs 33 – parallel principles.

The \_\_\_\_\_: fear of the Lord.

*Consider...*

**Luke 1:52** He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree.

**James 4:6** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

*I must humble myself – even the Lord Himself sets this example.*

**Philippians 2:5–11** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>7</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; <sup>11</sup> And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### 4. The wicked refuse to listen. Vs 32.

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- *Again, this is by now a clear and understood principle!*  
**Prov. 1:2, 3, 7, 8; 3:11, etc.**
- **Notice** why people refuse instruction. They don't respect \_\_\_\_\_.  
*The critical warning...*

**Proverbs 15:10** Correction *is* grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *And* he that hateth reproof shall die.

\_\_\_\_\_ refuses to listen. It isn't \_\_\_\_\_ for the flesh to embrace reproof.

**Proverbs 12:1** Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: But he that hateth reproof *is* brutish.

**Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge: *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.