

Proverbs 13 – “The Path of the Wise vs. The Way of the Fool”

I. The Response to Instruction (v. 1) A wise son listens to correction - A scoffer rejects rebuke - Your response to correction reveals your character

II. The Power of Words (v. 2–3) Good words produce good outcomes - The violent and careless speak destructively - Guarding your mouth preserves your life - Words shape direction and destiny

III. Diligence vs. Laziness (v. 4) The lazy crave but never receive - The diligent are satisfied - Desire without discipline leads to lack

IV. Righteousness vs. Wickedness (v. 5–6) The righteous hate lying - Wickedness brings shame and corruption - Righteousness guards a person’s life - Integrity protects; sin destroys

V. True Riches vs. False Appearances (v. 7–8) Some pretend to be rich but have nothing - Some appear poor but have great wealth - Wealth can attract trouble - Appearances can be deceiving, value what is real

VI. Light vs. Darkness (v. 9) The righteous shine brightly - The wicked’s influence fades out - God sustains the life of the righteous

VII. Pride vs. Wisdom (v. 10) Pride leads to conflict - Wisdom is found in receiving counsel - Humility invites peace and growth

VIII. Wealth and Stewardship (v. 11) Dishonest gain fades quickly - Slow, honest increase lasts - God honors steady, faithful growth

IX. Hope and Fulfillment (v. 12) Delayed hope discourages the heart - Fulfilled desire brings life and joy - **Hope must be anchored in God, not timing**

X. The Value of God’s Word (v. 13–14) Despising instruction leads to destruction - The teaching of the wise gives life - God’s Word is a source of life and protection

XI. Favor and Consequences (v. 15) Good understanding brings favor - The unfaithful live a hard path - Wisdom produces grace-filled outcomes

XII. Wisdom in Action (v. 16–17) The wise act with knowledge - Fools expose their foolishness - Messengers bring either harm or healing - Wisdom is seen in actions, not just thoughts

XIII. Discipline and Honor (v. 18) Rejecting correction leads to poverty and shame - Accepting rebuke brings honor - Discipline positions you for elevation

XIV. Desire and Transformation (v. 19)

Fulfilled desires are sweet - Fools refuse to turn from evil - Right desires must be paired with right choices

XV. Influence and Relationships (v. 20)

Walk with the wise → become wise - Walk with fools → suffer harm - Your circle shapes your future

XVI. Consequences of Righteousness and Sin (v. 21)

Evil pursues sinners - Good rewards the righteous - Life follows a moral order under God

XVII. Legacy and Generational Impact (v. 22)

A good person leaves an inheritance - Wealth of the sinner transfers to the godly - Live with future generations in mind

XVIII. Justice and Provision (v. 23)

The poor can produce much but lose it through injustice - Righteous systems matter

XIX. Loving Discipline (v. 24)

Discipline reflects love - Neglecting correction harms a child - True love corrects, not ignores

XX. Satisfaction of the Righteous (v. 25)

The righteous are sustained - The wicked lack satisfaction - God provides for those who walk with Him

Summary of Proverbs 13

Two paths are constantly contrasted:

*The **wise, disciplined, righteous path** → life, honor, satisfaction

*The **foolish, lazy, prideful path** → destruction, lack, shame