

Proverbs Chapter One

Proverbs 1:1: *The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:*

- **Clearly identifies _____ as the writer and collector of the wisdom that is to follow. He will begin with a contrast between wisdom and folly.**

Proverbs 1:2-4; *To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of understanding, ^[3] To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice, and equity; ^[4] To give prudence to the naive, To the youth knowledge and discretion.*

- **Our Bible lays down some ground rules immediately. For the people of the Old Testament, _____ was gained through the teachings of their prophets, who spoke to them on God's behalf. Today our wisdom must come through His indwelling Holy Spirit who brings to our minds and our attention, the Living Word that we have hidden in our hearts.**

Paul writes in 1st Corinthians 1:30: *God alone made it possible for you to be in Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made Christ to be wisdom itself. He is the one who made us acceptable to God. He made us pure and holy, and He gave Himself to purchase our freedom. ^[NLT]*

- **The New Testament declares _____ the Living Word, to be our wisdom. Only as we come to know Christ and experience the course-correction of His indwelling Holy Spirit can we know true _____. Philip. 3:9-10: . . . *but I trust Christ to save me. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ^[10] As a result, I can really know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I can learn what it means to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ^[NLT]***

Compiler's note: There is a bromide traveling around the internet that claims, "Washington D.C. will not display a Nativity Scene this year due to their lack of finding three wise men in the whole city."

Proverbs 1:2 again: *To know wisdom and instruction, to discern the sayings of understanding,*

- **The Hebrew word for instruction is *muwcar*, {*moo-sawr*'}, and it literally means chastisement or reproof; _____ by chastisement or discipline. The Politically Correct crowd and the Doctor's Spock of our current day are out of step with the Word of God, resulting in a justice system gone wild.**

A favorite quote of mine is from Dr. McGee who confirms that following the Word of God and applying "the board of education to the seat of learning in a child" brings godly wisdom. Let's skip ahead and see if Proverbs agrees:

- ✓ Proverbs 19:18: *Discipline your son while there is hope, and do not desire his death.* ^[NASB] [Under Law, an incorrigible child was to be put to death. Ignorant teachers use these passages to say that Christians use murder as child discipline]
- ✓ Proverbs 22:15: *Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him.* ^[NASB]
- ✓ Proverbs 23:13-14: *Do not hold back discipline from the child, although you beat him with the rod, he will not die.* ^[14] *You shall beat him with the rod and deliver his soul from Sheol.* ^[NASB]
- ✓ Proverbs 29:15: *The rod and reproof give wisdom But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.* ^[NASB]
- ✓ Proverbs 29:17: *Correct your son and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul.* ^[NASB]

Compiler's note: Our purpose in discipline is to instruct and teach, with the goal of changing a child's behavior in righteousness; it is never to punish. This is a thing that we have backward in our society. Lawbreakers are to be judged and punished, not corrected and rehabilitated; children are to be corrected so their behavior may mimic godly attributes as the mature, and not become lawbreakers.

Now if we think this is harsh, all we have to do is to look around us and see what kind of children our society, without the use of the proverbial paddle has produced. God's Word says that Proverbs 13:24: *He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.* [NASB] Perhaps this may give us pause to think! If we are truly God's children, then shouldn't we also expect discipline when we step out of line? Paul writes 2nd Corinthian's 13:5: *Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test?* [NASB]

Proverbs 1:2-3: *To know wisdom and instruction, to discern the sayings of understanding, [3] To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice, and equity;*

- To have discernment requires intelligence. When we examine a word of wisdom or receive _____, we need to use our God-given _____ and intelligence to _____ the truth of the saying. He does not expect us to blindly follow any self-appointed spokesman who asserts a "thus saith the Lord." He has given us His Word as the final arbitrator, and His Spirit for understanding.

Proverbs 1:3: *To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice, and equity;*

- Out instruction is to include _____, _____ *and equity*. Justice is the right behavior and morality, coupled with impartiality. In our current society, rightness has become whatever is the dictum of the majority, regardless of a higher principle. Homosexuality has come out of the closet as an alternative lifestyle. The killing of the unborn, now being subsidized by our tax dollars, has been declared right in spite of the Word of God. _____ has moved into the realm of absurdity; today we find Braille lettering on a drive-up ATM machine in Nags Head. A liberal Washington state newspaper felt it necessary to give a Carbon dioxide warning, on their front

page during a recent cold snap, in twelve different languages, cautioning people to not use barbeque pits indoors; rather than admit a case for a common language. Blind to hormonally driven weaknesses of our flesh, some college dorms have begun using co-ed bathrooms and showers as a show of equality between the sexes. Imagine, even our PC correct military seems surprised, since invoking co-ed combat, when one of its soldiers turns up pregnant. Ignorantly questioning, "Have they no self-control"?

Compiler's note: Equity can mean more than just equal; it can refer to submitting to the principles that guide our lives. Romans 14:22: *You may have the faith to believe that there is nothing wrong with what you are doing but keep it between yourself and God. Blessed are those who do not condemn themselves by doing something they know is all right.* [NLT] Some principles we are convicted to live by are not labeled in The Scriptures; rather, we are able to discern them by the guidance of His indwelling Holy Spirit (faith); behavior that God approves of and that which He doesn't. At times, the principle to be applied is between you and God and may not be applicable to everyone else. Let me offer this as an example. We know that God's Word clearly says that drunkenness is wrong, but is it wrong to have a glass of wine with your dinner? Is it wrong to serve a glass of wine at a dinner gathering where there are known recovering alcoholics present? What does equity demand? If you are guided by His Spirit residing in you, then you will know the answer at the moment of preparation if you will listen.

Proverbs 1:4: *To give prudence to the naive, to the youth knowledge and discretion.*

➤ Prudence is a word that is contrary to the notions of today's politically correct society. It is the Hebrew word *`ormah*, {*or-maw'*}; which means to use *discretion* or judgment. Wisdom and the leading of our Lord gives the formally _____ person the ability to have discretion and make right judgments. The person who lacks

understanding of the Lord's principles is usually quick to incorrectly spout a portion of the biblical passage like "Judge not lest you be judged"; which in itself is an oxymoron, for they are judging that the person who uses God-given discretion has no authority to judge between right and wrong. The passage quoted and applied is out of context and should never be used apart from verse 2; Matthew 7:1-2: *"Do not judge lest you be judged. [2] "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. [NASB] For the Christian believer, we are to judge right and wrong by God's principles and standards, the very standards, and principles by which we also shall be judged. John tells us how! John 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." [NASB] So when Scripture tells us that homosexuality is a sin, and more than that, it is a sin that seeks to encourage a similar behavior in others [Romans 1:32], then by God's standard, do we have a right to judge that "lifestyle" as sin and a moral offence to God? The answer, of course, is yes. There is an association between those born-again individuals who love our Lord, and their God-given authority to judge what is evil. Psalm 97:10: *You who love the Lord, hate evil! He protects the lives of his godly people and rescues them from the power of the wicked. [NLT] Hebrews 1:9: You love what is right and hate what is wrong. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you, pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else." [NLT] It is impossible to hate something without making a judgment.**

Compiler's note: We are all familiar with the Ten Commandments, and most, even the Eleventh, given by Jesus Himself and defined by James, in 2:8: . . . *you are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," [NASB] But, are you aware that God has a hate list in the Word, which defines things that he is against? Let's look at some of them, and some we will delve into deeper as we study them in the book of Proverbs.*

- ✓ Psalm 11:5: . . . *He hates everyone who loves violence.* [NLT]
- ✓ Proverbs 6:16-19 *There are six things the Lord hates—no, seven things he detests:*
 1. *haughty eyes,*
 2. *a lying tongue,*
 3. *hands that kill the innocent,*
 4. *a heart that plots evil,*
 5. *feet that race to do wrong,*
 6. *a false witness who pours out lies,*
 7. *a person who sows discord among brothers.* [NLT]
- ✓ Proverbs 8:13: *All who fear the Lord will hate evil. That is why I hate pride, arrogance, corruption, and perverted speech.* [NLT]
- ✓ Proverbs 11:1: *The Lord hates cheating, but he delights in honesty.* [NLT]
- ✓ Proverbs 11:20: *The Lord hates people with twisted hearts, but he delights in those who have integrity.* [NLT]
- ✓ Proverbs 12:22: *The Lord hates those who don't keep their word, but he delights in those who do.* [NLT]
- ✓ Proverbs 15:8: *The Lord hates the sacrifice of the wicked, but he delights in the prayers of the upright.* [NLT]
- ✓ Amos 5:21: *"I hate all your show and pretense—the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn assemblies.* [NLT]
- ✓ Malachi 2:16: *"For I hate divorce!" says the Lord, the God of Israel. "It is as cruel as putting on a victim's bloodstained coat," says the Lord Almighty. "So guard yourself; always remain loyal to your wife."* [NLT]
- ✓ Rev. 2:6: *But there is this about you that is good: You hate the deeds of the immoral Nicolaitans, just as I do.* [NLT]

In all of these things, we have a responsibility to stand with God and openly judge them as evil and sin. You may be asking about the two that are at the forefront of debate in our society today since they weren't included in God's hate list, homosexuality, and abortion. I have put the many passages concerning homosexualityⁱ as an endnote, as for abortion, rather than get into an extensive dialog and being pedantic, let me just point to one passage Psalm 127:3: *Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.* [NLT] If you were God, and you gave a precious gift, only to have the

recipients destroy or crush it, tossing it in the garbage, what would be your attitude or reaction?

Proverbs 1:5: *A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.*

- There comes a time in the life of most erudite young men, when they realize that they don't know it all; when suddenly their previously stupid parents become wise. For a true Christian, that time comes almost immediately after receiving forgiveness and God's indwelling Holy Spirit. At that point, we realize how ill-informed we really were, and we become aware of the mountain of knowledge yet to be acquired. The Christian walk is a lifetime of _____d_ learning, and yielding to the wise _____ of our indwelling Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 1:5b: ... *a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,* ^[6] *to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles.*

- The wise counsel is of course from God's Holy Spirit, whose necessary presence enables us to understand the depths of a _____ *and a figure*. God's word is like a hidden treasure, it has immense value, and its diamonds of truth are hidden from the natural man in what to them seems as _____.

As most of you who are studying the Word of God with me already know, uncovering the diamonds of the Word requires more than just casual reading. We will uncover a similar passage in Proverbs 25:2: *It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them.* ^[NLT]

- If you are asking why God would _____ things that are essential to our continued walk with Him, it is because of our free-will. We may call Him Lord, but the truth of our love and commitment is found in our dedication and desire to know Him.

Compiler's notes: Hidden in the Old Testament and books of the Prophets is the person of Christ. If you haven't found Him there, then you have missed one of the real joys of studying His Word. John 5:39: *"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and **it is these that bear witness of Me;**"* [NASB]

We have been called as Christians, to do more than just live a life separated to Him; we have been called to share the gospel, through His written Word as we walk it out in our daily lives, so that others may come to know Him. 2nd Tim. 2:15: ***Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.*** [NASB]

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

➤ When we begin to fear, displeasing our Lord, then we will begin to search out His Word. In that, through the revelation of His Holy Spirit, we will grow in _____ and wisdom. That knowledge and wisdom only come from the Father. Paul knows this, which is why he prays for believers in Ephesians 1:17: *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.* [NASB] It is not human wisdom. 1st Corinthians 3:19: *For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. . . .* [NASB] It is an essential part of continuing in Him; *and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him* Col. 3:10 [NASB] . . . *having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, [3] in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.* Col. 2:2-3 [NASB]

➤ Living in times like these when the death rate by murder in Washington D.C. and Detroit is higher than the death rate in the combat zones of either Afghanistan or Iraq, we have something to _____ in our society. But what is

truly amazing to me is that every Sunday people all across our nation, people who call themselves by the name of Christ, flock to “feel-good churches”. These same people have Bibles in their homes and possession, having more time and freedom to study the Word of God than their devoted forefathers had, are like _____ who despise wisdom and instruction. They walk away from Sunday fellowships, satisfied in their minds, believing that they have once again nestled in the arms of their teddy bear God who fawns over them with “agape {aa gah'-pae}” love. Lacking _____ to equip them with the wisdom found in the Word, many fail to understand that in reality, we should be more terrified of offending almighty God by continuing in an aberrant daily lifestyle which may be contrary to His principles. In too many churches, **the “fear of the Lord” is never taught**. God may hold the preachers and teachers doubly responsible, but each of us, at the very least are without excuse. The passage at hand clearly shows that to have a “fear of the Lord” is to hold an attitude of awe and respect toward God, which includes a healthy dread of displeasing Him.

Proverbs 1:8-9: *Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching; ^[9] Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head, and ornaments about your neck.*

➤ **As a child, we would delight in building snowmen when the snow was just right, wet enough to stick to itself. As I observe the apostasy that is taking hold in our society, I see it as the rolling of a snowman, which willing sticks the casual Christian and no-longer resembles its source; the end has no semblance to that which God created and who is at the foundation of this great nation founded on godly principles and justice. Probably beginning before, but noticeably after WWII with the public schools embracing the Dewey system ⁱⁱ of education through humanism, we began to move away from holding to the authority of the Word of God, even to question its validity. The result was brazen**

promiscuity which led to unfaithfulness, not only in our marriages but toward God. The result of this hardening ended in divorce and single-parent homes - homes that lack a Father's _____, a mother's _____, or both. The Wreath and ornaments in this proverb speak of peace, security, and prosperity in the lives of our children, blessed with a solid foundation of truth and wisdom found in the Word of God.

Compiler's note: without a foundation in the absolute truth found in the Word of God, is it any wonder that our society is struggling to understand how our children have gone so far astray? Why the young people continue to behave and endorse anti-social behavior even as young adults; or that pride, arrogance, and self-aggrandizement permeate our culture? Why not take a moment and read the end note on John Dewey at the end of this study, if you haven't already, I promise it is an eye-opener?

Proverbs 1:10: *My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.*

- The secular cry against homeschoolers is that these children will not be able to be properly integrated into society. The common mantra extended is that they need to interact with other children to learn how to get along. My own grandson, whose mother is forced to work by worsening economic conditions, is attending a pre-school and must be constantly corrected for poor habits and behavior that he has picked up from other children who are being raised without a moral foundation of right and wrong. Children raising children! It is not that Christian children are born any better than those in an unsaved home; it is our natural rebellious human bent that makes it very easy for others to _____ our children to participate in bad behavior. God knows this, so His Word instructs our children to not _____ and go along. Instead, they are to rely on the moral foundation placed in them by their parents, reinforced and enhanced by the Word of God.

Proverbs 1:11-13: *If they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in wait for blood, Let us **ambush** the innocent without cause; ^[12] Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, Even whole, as those who go down to the pit; ^[13] We shall find all kinds of precious wealth, We shall fill our houses with spoil;*

- **The person without a moral foundation, or a fear of the Lord, has an agenda! His way is to enrich himself off of the backs of others, to _____ the innocent, regardless of the suffering it might cause, so they might prosper.**

Proverbs 1:14: *Throw in your lot with us, we shall all have one **purse**,*"

- **Wow! Does that sound familiar; "redistribute the wealth". This is the failed communist system that doesn't work. It doesn't work because of the natural human bent of the unsaved. They want the working people to share the fruit of their labors with them, although they themselves haven't made any effort to contribute. They say they want a common _____ (except, of course, they want to hold a little extra aside for themselves).**

Compiler's note: I will share a little secret with you before I was saved; I had a help-myself attitude. I had no scruples about helping myself to whatever I wanted by any means possible. I know firsthand the convicting power of His indwelling Holy Spirit; He began on the first day of my being born anew, the renewing process of my mind, changing the way I think. Because I was trained by my flesh and my natural human bent for thirty-plus years, it has been a long and difficult road to bring my flesh-trained mind into agreement with His godly attributes found in my new nature. This has led to a tendency in me to write rather bluntly, hoping to help others as soon as possible to avoid those pitfalls. I encourage each of us to learn to listen eagerly to God's course-correcting Spirit and to spend time in the Word so that His Spirit can use it for instruction in necessary course-correction, as we are being remade into the image of His Son.

Proverbs 1:15: *My son, do not walk in the way with them. Keep your feet from their **path**,*

➤ **Solomon's warning is to stay the course of the narrow way! Their way leads to idolatry; they worship **position, power, and wealth**. Is there anything wrong with attaining them? No! As long as it is what God has trusted you with. As our Father, He knows what is best for His Children and desires to bless us to the limit. That limit is one that will not take us off the narrow way. I have raised three boys. The law said they could all get a license and drive at the age of 17. The state was not the father and did not know my boys as well as I did. All three were able to drive a truck around the farm at the age of 14 or 15, and only one would I would totally trust on the road at 17, without reservations. One of the boys was very much like me at that age, to say the very least, an overconfident, adventurous lad, in a hurry to get nowhere in particular. If I could have, and for his own well-being, I would have kept him off of the public roads a while longer. *1st Tim. 6:7-9: For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. ^[8] And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. ^[9] But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ^[NASB]***

Because of the flaws in our human nature, we easily get caught up in the pursuit of position, power, and wealth, straying off the narrow _____. God's concern is that we will abandon our first love. So through Paul, He cautions the Church too. . . *flee from these things, you man of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.* ^{1 Tim. 6:11 [NASB]}

Proverbs 1:16-18: *for their feet run to evil, and they hasten to shed blood. ^[17] Indeed, it is useless to spread the net in the eyes of any bird; ^[18] but they lie in wait for their own blood; they **ambush** their own lives.*

- If you recall from verse 10, we are still talking about “sinners,” people with little or no regard for God’s way. God says that their behavior is self-destructive, they _____ their own lives and make their own destruction.

Proverbs 1:19: *So are the ways of everyone who gains by violence; it takes away the life of its possessors.*

- The phrase gains by violence is the single Hebrew word **batsa`**, {*baw-tzah*'}; usually interpreted as *plunder*; If you have ever had something stolen from you, no matter how insignificant it leaves you feeling violated as if a piece of your _____ is taken away. As part of my sanctification (retraining of my mind, bringing it into an agreement with my new nature), my Lord allowed me to fall into a trap so that I could empathize with the depth of emotional experience by those who are violated, without being violated myself. Once, some contractors were constructing a canal bulkhead on a home next to mine. I asked what they planned to do with the scrap from treated boards used, and they replied we usually bury it before we backfill. I asked if I could have it to build some planters, and they agreed. What I didn’t know is that the home with the bulkhead was pre-sold and that the scrap did not belong to the contractors. Eventually the new owners came by and introduced themselves, at the same time expressing their deep annoyance at my taking their scrap wood without their specific permission. Obviously, it was a misunderstanding, but I came face to face with their emotions, connected to their feeling of violation. I had already completed the construction of the planter, so all that I could do was to apologize for the confusion and give them money to replace what I had taken in the mix-up. Sadly, I don’t believe that complete trust was ever established between us, and they have since sold and moved away.

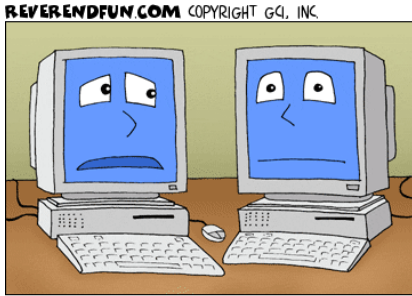
Compiler's note: What else I now know firsthand, even though I am innocent of actually stealing (plundering), I am guilty of attempting to get something for nothing (covetousness), rather than depend on my Lord's provision. Deep down, I now realize that I had lost any opportunity to witness Christ to this couple, bringing home the purpose of Paul's warning 1st Thessalonians' 5:22, to abstain or avoid all appearances of evil. Our witness for Him is our most important possession; do not allow it to be tarnished. Bill Cosby, prior to tarnishing his reputation beyond repair, said in one TV episode when addressing his TV children, made this line famous, "it doesn't matter what you're doing upstairs, it only matters what I think that you are doing up there." Appearances are important to our witness. I was watching a video of a building dedication on a Christian college campus the other day and sitting behind the speaker (who was dressed in a normal suit), was another man who dressed in the trapping of colorful religious garb, intended to give him the appearance of piety. Throughout my Christian life, having watched so many counterfeits in the pulpits of our churches, dressing to put on airs of righteousness, even while denying the validity of the Word, the religious robes of this man drew my attention away from the man speaking a godly message. The robed man on this side of his later public exposé was indeed a charlatan, but his appearance, filtered through my own experience, created a distraction. I bring this up, not because there is anything wrong with a preacher wearing a robe, rather, so that we pay more attention to how others may perceive our witness. As people watch the Christ in us, appearances matter, however, don't make your halo so tight that you give others a headache.

Proverbs 1:20: *Wisdom shouts in the street, she lifts her voice in the square.*

➤ **Solomon is ringing the school bell; wisdom _____
come and learn!**

Proverbs 1:21-22: *At the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the gates in the city, she utters her sayings: ^[22] "How long, O naive ones, will you love simplicity? And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing, and fools hate knowledge?"*

➤ It is an amazing thing to observe learned men spout and defend foolish notions while ignoring Scriptural truths. *Scoffers delight themselves in* _____, Christians are often called derogatory terms, among which is the term "Flat Earthers." We have already called attention to what those who are biblically _____ fail to realize, that it was the intellectuals of Columbus' day that were the flat-



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earthers. Written thousands of years earlier were the words of Isaiah, who declared that God sits over the Circle of the Earth. Wisdom is found in the Word of God and those who fail to understand that, well; God calls them simple-minded _____. How many hoaxes have been played upon the ignorant masses by scholars, trying to prove their theory of evolution by using phony missing links? Hating real _____, knowledge that has eternal consequence; we have a Creator and a Designer to whom we are responsible to give an answer!

Proverbs 1:23: "Turn to my reproof, behold, I will pour out my *spirit* on you; I will make my words known to you.

➤ When we are willing to listen to His words of instruction and correction, He will pour out His _____ of understanding on us, and we will no longer be as one who is naïve, but one who gains knowledge by the convicting power of His indwelling presence. Paul writes of this in 1st Corinthians 2:13: *which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words* [NASB] And again in 1st Cor. 2:4-5: *And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, [5] that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.* [NASB]

Proverbs 1:24 *"Because I called, and you refused; I stretched out my hand, and no one paid attention; ^[25] and you neglected all my counsel, And did not want my reproof;*

- **God now gives the corollary of one who rejects His outstretched _____ and refuses His course correction.**

Proverbs 1:27-30: *I will even laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes, ^[27] When your dread comes like a storm, And your calamity comes on like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come on you. ^[28] "Then they will call on me, but I will not **answer**; they will seek me diligently, but they shall not find me, ^[29] because they hated knowledge, and **did not choose the fear of the Lord.** ^[30] "They would not accept my counsel, they spurned all my reproof.*

- **Our God desires to be acknowledged as a loving father who will even die to protect his children. To those who will accept his reproof and course-correction, and to _____ Him, as a child fears to anger his earthly father, then He becomes our *Abba* -- Father, *Yahweh {Yir'eh}* -- our Provider, *'elohiym, {el-o-heem}* – God Almighty, A God to be feared. Romans 1:28: *When they refused to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their evil minds and let them do things that should never be done.* ^[NLT] 2nd Thessalonians 2:8-10 speaks of a day when the anti-Christ will come, other passages say that the spirit of anti-Christ is already here and working among the brethren. That is, of course, Satan Himself, who ^[10] . . . *will use every kind of wicked deception to fool those who are on their way to **destruction because they refuse to believe the truth that would save them.*** ^[NLT]**

Some will know the Lord well enough to call on Him in times of distress and refuse to acknowledge Him when it is not to their convenience. Of them, God says, "then they will call on me, but I will not _____"; because they hate knowledge, and will not accept the counsel, conviction, or the course-correction offered by His Holy Spirit. Peter writes *for it would be better for them not to have known the way of*

righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment delivered to them. 2nd Peter 2:21 [NASB]

Proverbs 1:31-32: *"So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way and be satiated with their own **devices**.* ^[32] *"For the waywardness of the naive shall kill them, and the complacency of fools shall destroy them.*

- **Our God is a loving God who wants only the best for us, but when we willfully reject His provision then He will respect our free-will and leave us to our natural bent and the destructive _____ of our own making, as well as those of Satan. Romans 1:24; So God let them go ahead and do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. . . .** [NLT]
Romans 1:28: *When they refused to acknowledge God; he abandoned them to their evil minds and let them do things that should never be done.* [NLT]

You may at this juncture, want to bring up that tired old "straw dog," "what about the person who did not have access to the truth about God? Paul addresses that very question in Romans 1:20: *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power, and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without **excuse**.* [NASB]

- **In truth, if we choose to reject Him, we are without _____.** Now here comes the good news.

Proverbs 1:33: *"But he who listens to me shall live **securely**, and shall be at ease from the **dread** of evil."*

- **When we submit our free-will to Him and entrench ourselves _____ under His wing, we need not _____ Satan, the bent of our flesh or anything that will take us off the narrow way.**

1st Cor. 1:18: *For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.* [NASB]

The cornerstone that Solomon is using to bring us to true wisdom is “*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction*”. Proverbs 1:7 [NASB]

ⁱ In some passages, God equates homosexuality with bestiality.

Leviticus 18:22-24

You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination. [23] 'Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion. [24] 'Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled. [NASB]

Leviticus 20:13

'If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them. [NASB]

Leviticus 20:15-16

'If there is a man who lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death; you shall also kill the animal. [16] 'If there is a woman who approaches any animal to mate with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them. [NASB]

Romans 1:18-32

But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who push the truth away from themselves. [19] For the truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts. [20] From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.

[21] Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. The result was that their minds became dark and confused. [22] Claiming to be wise, they became utter fools instead. [23] And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people, or birds and animals and snakes.

*[24] So God let them go ahead and do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, **they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies.** [25] Instead of believing what they knew was the truth about God, they deliberately chose to believe lies. So they worshiped the things God made but not the Creator himself, who is to be praised forever. Amen.*

[26] That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. [27] And the men, instead of having normal sexual relationships with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men and, as a result, suffered within themselves the penalty they so richly deserved.

[28] When they refused to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their evil minds and let them do things that should never be done. [29] Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, fighting, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. [30] They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They are forever inventing new ways of sinning and are disobedient to their parents. [31] They refuse to understand, break their promises, and are heartless and unforgiving. [32] They are fully aware of God's death penalty for those who do these things, yet they go right ahead and do them anyway. And, worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

[NLT]

1 Cor. 6:9-10

Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, ^{nor homosexuals}, [10] nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. [NASB]

1 Tim. 1:8-11

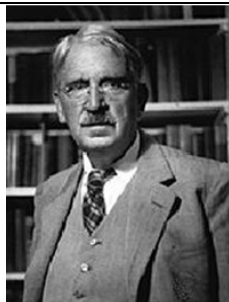
But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully, [9] realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers [10] and immoral men and **homosexuals** and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching, [11] according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted. [NASB]

Compiler's note: For the homosexual to say that God created me this way is the same as saying one of these two things,

1. Either God is a faulty designer or he is to blame for making me the way that I am.
2. I am being unjustly condemned, it's not my fault, God is like a bully, he created me as an object to hate and destroy.

If God were to endorse homosexuality, I believe that He would have had the good sense to make our sexual parts fit together better and find a better way of human procreation; maybe we could have been like the Ameba and simply divide.

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John Dewey 1859-1952 is best known for Educational progressivism. It is from Dewey's own words that you can see his true intentions. He wrote and helped write the Humanist Manifesto after returning from a trip to meet with others of like mind in eastern Europe. Two books that he wrote tell how he planned to accomplish the goals laid out in the Humanist Manifesto through America's public school system. The first title is Faith in Education and the second is Democracy and Education. B.F. Skinner jumped on the bandwagon, working to change the mold for American children through public schools and helped mold ideals that conform with many goals of the Humanist Manifesto.

The following is from Wallbuilders.com by David Barton.

John Dewey is recognized as the Father of modern education. The N.E.A. gave him high recognition for his works. Much of his changes to schools were made possible by the theory of evolution being so strongly accepted after the writings of Charles Darwin. John Dewey wrote a theory of education and democracy that was based on evolution.

The education theories of Dewey would not have been so acceptable to people had it not been for the previous acceptance of Darwin's Theory of Evolution. That theory was widely received around the world. Evolution praises change and declares the highest good is a positive change. Darwin's theory helped strengthen the ideas of relativism and positivism which had been around for ages but were reinforced by John Dewey.

John Dewey developed ideas of evolutionary democracy and evolutionary education and evolutionary law. Those ideas had as their foundation the premise that nothing is constant. He said the only constant good is change for the good, i.e. positivism. He did not measure things from any absolute standards, but from a relative perception based on human desire.

Relativism denies absolutes. God is absolute. The word of God teaches absolutes. Evolution flies in the face of God's word. Relativism and positivism are destructive ideologies that sheer men away from the truth a little at a time. These ideas were used by John Dewey and Carl Marx and even Joseph Stalin to lead people astray. Engels wrote that if you could remove a people from their roots, they could be easily swayed to your point of view.

This is happening in America with the destruction of our godly heritage in public school courses. By omission the godly heritage is being lost to our children. The schools are simply not teaching the godly heritage of this nation.

Instead the schools are teaching children to become better citizens of the new world economic order.

John Dewey promoted humanism as a national way of life. Humanists in their zeal believe they are doing your children a favor to make them happier by seeking to erode any faith in God and replacing it with a hope in their own efforts.

Since Darwin popularized that theory in 1859, the idea of evolution has infected other areas of men's thoughts including law and its interpretation, society and its rules of conduct, economics and more. John Dewey helped popularize the teaching of evolution since the idea of constant change reinforced his idea the foolishness of God and the Bible. Dewey believed in neither God nor the Bible.

Many of our Founding Fathers believed that we should only elect men to serve us in office who held a faith in Almighty God who would judge men for their words and deeds, for they realized that only such men could have any restraint on what they considered right and acceptable.

John Dewey introduced strong ideas about accepting multi-values. This is in agreement with the denial of absolute values. Please note that too many children today do not believe in absolute right and wrong. Instead they believe in relative answers, based on personal needs. That is a direct goal fulfilled by John Dewey and all like him.

It is now printed in school system literature how the students need to be raised up so they can be better citizens of the new world economic order. Country, family, and God are no longer the goals to be achieved but are instead seen as causes of bigotry, narrow mindedness, prejudice, and intolerance: thus deserving to be done away.

President Abraham Lincoln contradicts John Dewey and reminded the nation of that great truth contained in the Declaration of Independence when he said, "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are **created** equal."

Declaration of Independence contradicts John Dewey, the father of this contemporary education system. Well into the twentieth century, the Declaration and the Constitution were viewed as inseparable and interdependent. While the Court's change of standards has perhaps been a display of poor judgment, the Court's actions have actually been illegal under the standards of original intent. Furthermore they have violated the value system of "the laws of nature and of nature's God" established in the Declaration of Independence.

Founding Fathers Contradict John Dewey. The First Amendment was clearly understood and explained by the man who wrote it and the man who first applied it as law. Fisher Ames wrote the First Amendment. He also wrote that the Bible should always remain the principle text book in America's classrooms. John Jay, original Chief-Justice U.S. Supreme Court, said it is the duty of all wise, free, and virtuous governments to help and encourage virtue and religion.

The Constitution of the United States of America was penned by the man who was head of the committee which created the final wording. That man, Governor Morris of Pennsylvania, was also the most active member of the Constitutional Convention. He spoke 173 times. He also advocated that "education should teach the precepts of religion and the duties of man towards God."

An early House Judiciary Committee affirmed the Founder's lack of pluralistic intent when it declared: "Christianity ...was the religion of the founders of the republic, and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants."

Words and sentiments of other founding fathers can be given to fill a library; but these few show the whole idea to anyone to is willing to hear. "You do well to wish to learn our arts and our ways of life, and above all, the religion of Jesus Christ. Congress will do everything they can to assist you in this wise intention." **George Washington**

" Let...statesmen and patriots unite their endeavors to renovate the age by...educating their little boys and girls...and leading them in the study and practice of the exalted virtues of the Christian system." **Samuel Adams**

"History will also afford frequent opportunities of showing the necessity of a public religion...and the Excellencies of the Christian religion above all others, ancient or modern." **Benjamin Franklin**

In the early 1930's John Dewey taught his new theories on evolutionary education at Peking University in China, and after that in Turkey. Those governments wanted help on establishing state schools to indoctrinate the children as wards of the state instead of their parents. Then upon his return to the U.S.A, John Dewey wrote the Humanist Manifesto. He was a very important figure in the national education association. The socialistic and communistic ideology of Karl Marx was growing vigorously through such men as endorsed John Dewey's philosophies of education.

1945-1953 - Radical social change achieved by wide spread "positivists" or secular humanists.

John Dewey wrote an Americanized version of the Communist Manifesto. Dewey's version was called the Humanist Manifesto. He helped introduce socialism step by step into the American culture. Read his ideas on an evolving democracy. They are very different from the Founding Fathers.