

How Do You Measure Up?

Proverbs 12

We must measure our lives

A. Measured By A Person's Steps (12:1-8)

Psalms 37:23

- 1. What he knows (12:1)**
- 2. Where he goes (12:2)**
- 3. Where he stands (12:3)**
- 4. With whom he shares his steps (12:4)**
- 5. What he thinks (12:5-6)**
- 6. What he leaves behind (12:7-8)**

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B. Measured By A Person's Attitudes (12:9-16)

Proverbs 23:6-7

- 1. Toward himself (12:9)**
- 2. Toward his livestock (12:10)**
- 3. Toward his land (12:11)**
- 4. Toward his heritage (12:12)**
- 5. Toward his words (12:13-14)**
- 6. Toward advice (12:15)**
- 7. Toward reactions (12:16)**

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C. Measured By A Person's Lips (12:17-23)

James 3:2

- 1. In Truth (12:17)**
- 2. In Tone (12:18)**
- 3. In Timelessness (12:19)**
- 4. In Tenor (12:20)**
- 5. In Test (12:21-22)**
- 6. In Temperance (12:23)**

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D. Measured By A Person's Results (12:24-28)

Matthew 7:17-20

- 1. In governance (12:24)**
- 2. In gladness (12:25)**
- 3. In graciousness (12:26)**
- 4. In gratefulness (12:27)**
- 5. In goodness (12:28)**

Life Lessons

Proverbs 13

Right lessons learned lead to a right life.

God Wants Our Obedience

Jeremiah 7:23-26

23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them:

26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

I. The Bases For Life (13:1-9)

A. What you hear (13:1)

Proverbs 13:1

A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

B. What you say (13:2-3)

Proverbs 13:2-3

2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

I. The Bases For Life (13:1-9)

C. What you do (13:4)

Proverbs 13:4

The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

D. How you live (13:5-6)

Proverbs 13:5-6

5 A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

6 Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

I. The Bases For Life (13:1-9)

E. How you value (13:7-8)

Proverbs 13:7-8

**7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing:
there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.**

**8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the poor
heareth not rebuke.**

F. How you shine (13:9)

Proverbs 13:9

**The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the
wicked shall be put out.**

Galatians 6:8

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

II. The Cause And Effect (13:11-25)

A. Of vanity (13:10-11)

Proverbs 13:10-11

10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

II. The Cause And Effect (13:11-25)

B. Of Attitudes (13:12-25)

1. Toward hope (13:12)

Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

2. Toward the word (13:13-14)

Proverbs 13:13-14

13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

II. The Cause And Effect (13:11-25)

B. Of Attitudes (13:12-25)

3. Toward understanding (13:15)

Proverbs 13:15

Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

4. Toward knowledge (13:16)

Proverbs 13:16

Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

II. The Cause And Effect (13:11-25)

B. Of Attitudes (13:12-25)

5. Toward the message (13:17)

Proverbs 13:17

A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.

6. Toward reproof (13:18)

Proverbs 13:18

Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

II. The Cause And Effect (13:11-25)

B. Of Attitudes (13:12-25)

7. Toward satisfaction (13:19)

Proverbs 13:19

The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.

8. Toward companions (13:20)

Proverbs 13:20

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

II. The Cause And Effect (13:11-25)

B. Of Attitudes (13:12-25)

9. Toward good and evil (13:21-22)

Proverbs 13:21-22

21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

10. Toward potential (13:23)

Proverbs 13:23

Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.

II. The Cause And Effect (13:11-25)

B. Of Attitudes (13:12-25)

11. Toward discipline (13:24)

Proverbs 13:24

He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

12. Toward sufficiency (13:25)

Proverbs 13:25

The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

Psalms 37:25

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

*Are We Learning
The Lessons
We Need To Learn?*