

# PureMen

PureMen Bible Study – Session 14 – 3/25/09

Something To Thank the Lord For?

Recite Memory Verse (Romans 12:2) & Assign Next Verse – Philippians 4:8

*A Memory Tool for Phil 4:8*  
**The Happy Joker Plays Lowly**  
**Grand Rapids**  
*True, Honest, Just, Pure, Lovely,*  
*Good Report*  
*Virtue, Praise...*  
*Think on These Things!*



Review Study Questions from Chapter Thirteen – *Disciplined for Holiness*

▪ **Question 1**

- ✓ Review Quote on p. 207

“Discipline has been defined as “Learning that molds character and enforces correct behavior...” To discipline a person or a group as a means to put them in a state of good order so that they function in the way intended. The Bible uses the word *fool* to describe a man who does not heed instruction nor receive the *life giving reproof*.”

- ✓ **Q:** What are some other biblical words that relate to God’s Discipline?
  - *chastisement, reproof, rebuke, correction, instruction, training*
- ✓ **Q:** What another form of the word discipline that you can think of?
  - *Disciple*. Discipline brings about learning!
- ✓ There are no easy answers. “*A life which has become out of control only comes back under control through the process of God’s discipline.*” p. 208

▪ **Question 2**

- ✓ Comment – One of the reasons why changing sinful behavior can be much more challenging for the believer because it is now a **spiritual battle** between the forces of good and evil, between the flesh and the spirit.

- **Question 5**
  - **John 10:27** “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”
  - **1 Kings 19:12** “...a still small voice.”
  - ✓ **Q:** How can we “**learn to discern**” between the voice of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the enemy or the world?
    - Walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16), Develop your devotional life (meditate on the Word, prayer), learn to get quiet (turn off the noise!), etc.
  
- **Question 6**
  - ✓ Note: And sometimes He will use other believers to bring this about! **Q: Does another believer have the permission to do this in your life?** Or are you too proud?
  - ✓ **Q:** What are some other sources of God’s chastisement, rebuke, & discipline?
  
- **Question 7**
  - ✓ The point is that our learning, God’s discipline, our growth and discipleship is a **life long process**. We need to continually strive to become more like Jesus!
  - ✓ “*Peter had matured and had a deeper revelation of the things of God because he allowed the Lord to correct him over the years.*” p .216
  - ✓ Paul said in Phil 3:10 “*That I may know him...*”
  - ✓ Ecc 4:13 “*Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.*”
  
- **Question 8**
  - ✓ Read quote on p. 217 “*The person who will be loosed from sin must exhibit the character of someone who has indeed been set free...such a character is not generated spontaneously but must be worked into him by the discipline of the Lord.*”
  - ✓ Read quote on character on p. 219 “*A person’s behavior in secret is where character – or lack of it – is revealed. A man cannot be compartmentalized. He can only act out of the substance of what he consists of as a man. Secret sexual sin is not a fluke; it is a direct by-product of a man’s character. A man’s secret behavior will only change as his character changes. Without a restructuring of his character, the man is certain to return to his behavior.*”
  - ✓ In essence, what is Gallagher saying with this comment? Who you are in secret is really who you are! That is the real man!
  
- **Question 11** – How does holiness come?
  - ✓ Through the process of discipline the Lord takes the believer through. By purging out of us our love for sin and for self.

## Review Personal Examination Questions

### Section: What the Scripture Says

#### 1. What do you learn about fools from the following verses?

Proverbs 1:7

*“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”*

- ✓ Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1: 22

*“How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?”*

- ✓ Fools hate knowledge.

Proverbs 14:16

*“A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.”*

- ✓ Fools have false self confidence and glory in it.

Proverbs 17:10

*“A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.”*

- ✓ Fools are dead to their own foolishness – you can beat them with instruction and reproof and they still won’t listen.

Proverbs 18:2

*“A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.”*

- ✓ Fools are self-focused with no desire for the truth!

Proverbs 23:9

*“Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.”*

- ✓ Fools won’t listen to truth.

Ecc 7:4

*“The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.”*

- ✓ Fools are spiritually ignorant and happy about it.

#### 3. What do you learn about biblical discipline from the following verses?

Proverbs 12:1

*“Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.”*

- ✓ Loving instruction (godly, biblical) will make me wise.

Proverbs 13:1

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

- ✓ I learn from my Father. I need to hear and listen to Him and apply what He teaches me.

Proverbs 13:18

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

- ✓ When we truly learn from godly discipline, we will be honored (used of God to glorify Him).

Proverbs 15:5

*“A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.”*

- ✓ Listening to and applying godly reproof will make us pleasing to God.

Proverbs 15:31

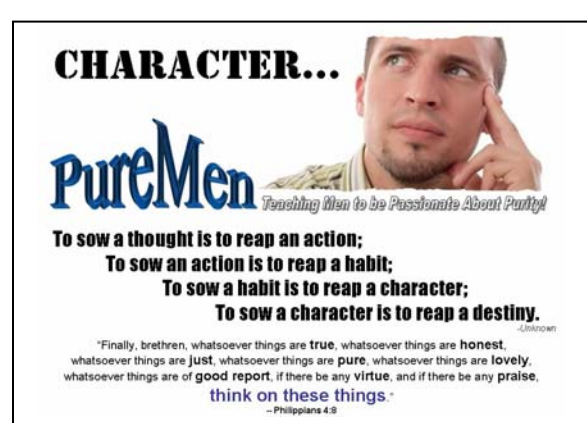
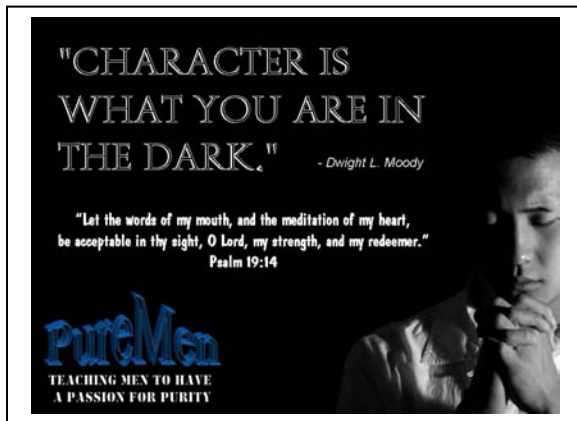
*“The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.”*

- ✓ Again, we need to hear, learn, and apply to be wise.

Proverbs 15:32

*“He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.”*

- ✓ The “answers of life” are found in God’s reproofs!



Testimonies? Close in PRAYER!