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## (#51) The Proverbs of Solomon 12:1-How to Raise "Stupid"

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

### **Proverbs 12:1:**

Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.

Instruction limits a person if followed, thus "instruction" is discipline, correction, or counsel. True "knowledge" comes to those who are willing to learn by "instruction. A good student knows the thirst for "knowledge," and Jesus Christ emphasized this:

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled" (**Matthew 5:6**).

Every schoolteacher will tell you, there is no learning where there is no discipline. Parents who raise their children's egos above their desire for learning are making their children "stupid" (brutish, like an animal, with unused human ingenuity). Animal intelligence is content to be that animal, and, like an ox, may kick against the goad, or refuse any instruction to follow!

A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, but knowledge is easy to him who understands. Go from the presence of a foolish man, when you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge. (**Proverbs 14:6-7**)

Don't hang around those who are "stupid" because they "hate correction" (or despise the discipline of knowledge!), and "stupid" rubs off! "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed" (**Proverbs 13:20**). Children who are taught disrespect for teachers and disdain for knowledge are raised to be nothing but a herd of slaves!

Other proverbs that teach this thought are:

- **Proverbs 12:15**: "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise."

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.*



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- **Proverbs 13:1:** "A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke."
- **Proverbs 13:18:** "Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, but he who regards a rebuke will be honored."
- **Proverbs 15:5:** "A fool despises his father's instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent."
- **Proverbs 15:10:** "Harsh discipline is for him who forsakes the way, and he who hates correction will die."
- **Proverbs 15:12:** "A scoffer does not love one who corrects him, nor will he go to the wise."
- **Proverbs 15:31-32:** "The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise. 32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding."

There is a saying in the Medical Profession: "There is no cure for stupid." Fighting against learning shows determination to remain ignorant, and nothing could be more ignorant!

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