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Proverbs 13:18 (NLT)

An Honorable Life

Do you want to live an honorable life? Do you want to live the life that I have given you to live? Do you want me to mold and shape your life so that you can be the person that I have called you to be? Yes, I want to be all that you have called me to be. Yes, of course I want to live the life that you have given me to live. What might hinder me from living the life you have given me to live? What could stand in the way of me becoming the person that you have called me to be?

Those are two very good questions. You are the answer. I don't understand. **You could stand in the way of becoming the person that I have called you to be. You could hinder the work that I want to do in your life. You could be proud and arrogant. You could be defensive and resistant. You could think that you know it all. You might believe that you have no need to listen to words of constructive criticism. You could fail to accept life giving and life saving words of correction. You could put up walls of resistance that no one would dare approach. No one would come near. No one would speak into your life. No one would tell you what you need to see. Do you know why that is?** I'm not sure. **They would be sure that you would not listen. They would be unwilling to take a risk on you. They would not want to feel the pain of your defensive resistance.**

I don't want to be this person. I want to welcome words of constructive criticism and correction into my life. I want everyone to know that I will hear and act on whatever they have to say to me. I want to be able to benefit from anyone and everyone who might help in molding and shaping my life. I will not be defensive. I will not be resistant. I will not put up walls. I will accept whatever you have to say to me. I will not be proud. I will not be arrogant. I want to be the person you have called me to be. I want to live the life that you have given me to live. Do your work in me. Speak into my life. I am listening. **I hear your welcome. I know that you are listening. I will mold and shape your life. You will become the person I called you to be. You will live the life that I have given you to live.**

Lord, I have not been a fan of constructive criticism. I have been resistant to words of correction. That has been a huge mistake. I will welcome your correction into my life. I will receive and act on constructive criticism so I will be able to live an honorable life. Amen

If *Ignores Discipline*
He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.
NIV Proverbs 13:18

If *Ignores Instruction*
Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored.
ESV Proverbs 13:18

If *Ignore Criticism*
If you ignore criticism, you will end in poverty and disgrace; if you accept correction, you will be honored.
NLT Proverbs 13:18

If *Disdains Correction*
Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.
NKJV Proverbs 13:18

If *Ignores Instruction*
Poverty and disgrace are for the one who ignores instruction, but one who heeds reproof is honored.
NRSV Proverbs 13:18

If *Refuse Discipline*
Refuse discipline and end up homeless; embrace correction and live an honored life.
MSG Proverbs 13:18

If *Refuses Instruction*
Poverty and shame come to him who refuses instruction and correction, but he who heeds reproof is honored.
AMP Proverbs 13:18

If *Refuse Criticism*
If you refuse criticism, you will end in poverty and disgrace; if you accept criticism, you are on the road to fame.
TLB Proverbs 13:18

If *Neglects Discipline*
Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline, But he who regards reproof will be honored.
NASB Proverbs 13:18

If *Refuse Correction*
A person who refuses correction will end up poor and disgraced, but the one who accepts correction will be honored.
NCV Proverbs 13:18

Ignore Criticism

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

If – Proverbs 13:18

In Context: Read Proverbs 13

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

How receptive are you to receiving and acting on constructive criticism from others?

How welcoming are you to others who might be able to give you good constructive criticism?

Why is it dangerous to be known as someone that is unwilling to receive and act on constructive criticism?

When have you made the mistake of not being willing to receive and act on constructive criticism?

How has your life suffered as a result of being unwilling to receive constructive criticism from others?

When have you made corrections in your life based on constructive criticism you have received?

When have you known that the Lord was speaking to you through constructive criticism from others?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Receive and act on all the constructive criticism you hear from others so you will be able to live an honorable life.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will speak to you through other's constructive criticism to help you live an honorable life.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has used other's constructive criticism to speak to you.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you accept correction so that you will live an honorable life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will accept correction so that I can live an honorable life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what correction do I need to receive so that I can live an honorable life.
