

## Beattitudes of Wedded Bliss

Blessed are the poor in pocket,  
For their love does not depend on money.  
(1 Tim. 6:9-10)

Blessed are they in the morn,  
For then they see their mate before make-up.  
(Prov. 31:30)

Blessed are those who speak,  
For they grow together daily.  
(Deut. 24:5)

Blessed is he who hungers and thirsts for her cooking,  
For he shall get filled.  
(Prov. 31:14)

Blessed are the punctual,  
For they relieve their mate's worries  
(Prov. 31:11)

Blessed are the pure in start,  
For they have saved themselves for the honeymoon.  
(Heb. 13:4)

Blessed are the space-makers,  
For all of us need time alone with God  
(1 Cor. 7:5)

Blessed are they which are ridiculed for their happiness sake,  
For your joy has been made clear to all.  
(Prov. 5:18)

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### Assemblies

#### **Sunday:**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Worship

#### **Wednesday:**

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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does not change  
during adverse  
circumstances**

### Announcements

Our sympathies to Donna and Lucille. Linda Burke passed from this life on Friday (Feb. 24).

Our Gospel meeting with Dan Starr has been changed to April 9-12. This is a Sunday through Wednesday meeting. Make plans to attend.

Our next quarterly singing is March 10 at 7:00. That will be followed by a singing on June 9.

Continue to pray for Mary. At the time of this writing she is in good spirits although she continues to grow weaker. Her children and loved ones were all around her on Tuesday and Wednesday. She enjoys them and is still with us at this time.

Thank you to all the ladies and men who helped with food for the Burke family at the recent funeral of Linda. God bless the family.

## Our Resistance To Any Correction

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2 Timothy 3:16 says *Scripture is profitable for correction*. Of course it is only profitable for those of us who heed the correction that it provides. Men only benefit when they do what the Bible teaches, but many people are very **resistant to any correction**. Children do not want to be told what to do by their parents. Employees get irritated with the instructions from their bosses. Patients will not make the corrections in their lifestyle that is prescribed by their doctors. And many “religious” people will not follow the teachings of God found in the Bible. Why are we so stubborn when it comes to corrections?

The problem is often pride. We want to believe we are right. We do not want to admit we are wrong, to apologize, or to change. In our arrogance we think we know better than any of our instructors. Proverbs 1:7 says, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”* We start learning when we have respect for our teacher. Without *fearing* the Lord we will never start growing in knowledge. We were *fools* and we will remain there. Our distaste for wisdom and resistance to instruction traps us in ignorance forever.

Sometimes it is not so much our pride as it is the attitude of the person who corrects us. They are condescending, insulting, and humiliating. They are bullies. They are know-it-alls. They are rude. No one would accept instruction well from them. Although the instruction is proper and the correction is needed, the method of delivery is repulsive and thus rejected. We must learn to look past their behavior to the truth they are conveying. If corrections need to be made in our lives the disposition of our instructor does not excuse us from making them. Rather than focusing on our hurt feelings, their snobbery, or any witnesses who saw the exchange; we need to focus on the truth. Our failure to correct ourselves will only harm us. Prov. 19:20 says, *“Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy later end.”* It is for our future benefit that we accept proper correction from any source.

When we refuse to be corrected people will give up on teaching us. We are warned *not to withhold correction* from a child (Prov. 23:13). The strong willed child needs the correction whether he likes it or not. The parent cannot abstain from the child’s needs whether he likes it or not. The teaching may be a battle, but it must be engaged in for the benefit of the child and ultimately for the parent (Prov. 23:24-25).

Like the child, we need instructions. We do not have all the answers. The consequences of refusing to be taught are great. Proverbs 15:32 warns us, *“He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.”* Proverbs 15:10 adds another consequence. *“Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.”*

This verse also tells us something else about ourselves. The *correction is grievous* to the person who has *forsaken the way*. I believe this refers to *the way* of God. The sinner does not want to hear God’s correction. The good man wants instructions so he can get better. The church members who refuse to dress modestly, give up social drinking, or attend worship services regularly when instructed to do so are revealing what kind of people they are. Those who have *forsaken the way*. They hate their teacher and remain foolish. *“A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise”* (Prov. 15:12).

Most of us are embarrassed when we are corrected. We feel silly for having been wrong. There is a tendency to deny we were mistaken and to refuse the correction to avoid any shame. But there is greater shame when we **continue in an error** that we could have left. *“Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honored”* (Prov. 13:18).

It is honorable to listen to corrections and to make the appropriate changes. Although we might feel embarrassed initially we will be appreciated by others for our humility. We will be complimented for doing what is right. We will improve and grow. We will show others the proper character and disposition. We will be loved and saved.