

Unit 3: Chastisement and Rewards

Unit Introduction

During this unit of this course we will explore the doctrines of chastisement and rewards. Does God encourage the Christian to holiness with a carrot or a stick?

Do all Christians receive the same rewards in eternity? That is what many Christians teach. They emphasize that all get the same blessings in eternity because all that we get is through what Christ has done for us. They feel it would be wrong and cause hard feeling among the fellow redeemed if some people received more or different than others. But that's using human reasoning and the teaching seems to be based on people still having sin natures that are envious of others. The question should be what does the Bible teach? As we shall see the Bible teaches that some believers will receive more rewards than others.

The other teaching we will look at in this unit is chastisement. We've seen in the previous two units that salvation is by God's grace. So we don't have to pay any of the price of that salvation or earn it in any way. We've also seen that once someone believes that they are saved for eternity. That salvation cannot be lost. So, what's to keep a Christian from being saved and living any way they please?

Unit Outline:

Unit 3: Chastisement and Rewards

Lesson 7: Chastisement & Rewards

Lesson 8: Chastisement & Rewards, Part 2

Lesson 7: Chastisement & Rewards

Lesson Introduction

God follows a clear principle when it comes to chastisement. That is, that judgment begins with the house of God (1 Pet 4:17). “ *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?* ” (1 Pet 4:17-18). We, as Christians and part of God’s family, are held to a higher standard than the world. It’s just like with us and our family; we correct those in our family and hold them to a higher standard than those outside our family.

Lesson Outline

Lesson 7: Chastisement & Rewards

Topic 1: Introduction to Chastening

Topic 2: Chastening Deters Sinful Behavior

Topic 3: Chastening Issues

Confession, Fellowship, and Loss

Chastening and Joy

Chastening and Fairness

Topic 4: Reward for Serving/Chastening for Rebelling

Topic 5: Faithfulness and Delay in Chastening

Topic 1: Introduction to Chastening

Often the Christian can learn lessons from what happened between Israel, God’s people in the Old Testament, and God (1 Cor 10:11). This is true also of chastisement. The issue with chastisement is that it is always between God and His people. Hebrews 12:5-6 says: “ *And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.* ”

Psalms 106:14-15 describes what happened to Israel in the wilderness: “ *But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.* ”. Again, they didn’t rebel showing they weren’t God’s people. They rebelled even though they were God’s people. We have this choice. But there are also consequences as Israel found out: “He granted their request, then struck them with a disease.” The word for disease is also legitimately translated by “leanness of soul” in the King James Version. That is the chastening we’re talking about.

the Lord chastens and he rewards. And you know once you're saved, you can't become unsaved. You may sin, but if you're saved you been you never become unsaved. But you can be chastened. Now what do you mean by chastened. I mean that God will punish you, But you said I thought I could never be punished. No you can be punished, you just can't go to hell. And God can discipline you. Yes eternal life is guaranteed all believers. You have eternal life. And never make the mistake this thinking that a Christian can live as they please. Don't let anybody ever tell you that you be a Christian and you can live as you

please. That is the biggest lie the devil can ever tell you, because no Christian see when you're when you're saved, as I've been saying, you should get better. Some Christians get rebellious and get worse. But you don't stay the same, God chastens you. A lot of people don't like to think about it, they don't like to talk about it. They don't like the preacher to even mention chastisement. See you're saved. You become part of God's family. You can never become out of God's family. Once you become part of God's family you are in God's family. And you stay in God's family. Listen as a Christian you cannot live as you please. Now all these things I'm talking about children, they're still in the family. They still are in your family. Now you can try but God will not allow it. This should be very clear in witnessing. You say, what does chastisement and rewards have to do with witnessing? Because if people think that you're teaching that they can get saved and live any way they want they're going to say, wait a minute, wait a minute, I don't buy this. I don't buy this, then Christianity is no more than just a pill, there's nothing to it. Listen let me tell you something. No Christian can be saved and just live as you please. It's impossible. It cannot work. Now someone could actually not be saved if you don't explain this correctly. It's very important people understand it. When your saved you become God's son. And while you have certain privileges as God's child, remember that God is now your father and he has responsibility to take care of you. God is your heavenly father and he's going to take care of you. Man, that's an incredible thing. That God is your father. And He's gonna take care of us. If a person thinks a Christian can live in sin not be punished then he doesn't know much about the Bible. Nor does he understand the working of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian. Listen, you just read our Bible and you're going to find out people don't live as they please. You just read your Bible.

QUESTION 1

If you are saved, you will never become unsaved, but you can be chastened. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 2

It is possible for a Christian to get saved and then just live as they please. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 3

Please briefly explain what chastisement and rewards have to do with witnessing.

Topic 2: Chastening Deters Sinful Behavior

There is much discussion in our country, and in the various countries of the world, about the death penalty. The discussion centers around whether it is humane and also about whether it is ever right to take someone's life when a sufficient crime has been committed.

Surprisingly some people even try to question whether capital punishment is a deterrent or not. But God commands that the wicked must be punished. Isaiah 26:10 says, "*Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.*" This justice includes capital punishment for sufficient crimes: "*Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify*

against any person to cause him to die. Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death.” (Num 35:30-31).

David never lost his salvation. David said, Lord, restore to me the joy of my salvation. Let me tell you, David suffered pretty badly didn't he for his sin of adultery and sin of being an accomplice in murder. More than an accomplice I guess, being the king and telling someone to be put in the front line so that they would get killed. You are a murderer and David didn't say Lord help me be saved again. David said Lord restore to me the joy of my salvation. David had lost the joy of his salvation. Listen, there's a lot of Christians going around today have no joy, have no hope. They're just not happy. Now history attests to the fact that evil when it is allowed to go unpunished, it multiplies and causes heartbreaking damage. We're seeing that in America today. You know, used to be the people get punished, now the crooks are getting away with it and the good people get punished, almost. And they just let people out for just any thing to get away with almost everything. You know during the cultural Revolution, and of course way before that was Confucius, whenever anything was done it was dealt with in a harsh blow, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. And I'll tell you, a person, all of a sudden, a prostitute in China is taken and they take him and put bullet right the back of the neck. Right below, that that's where they kill people in China. Murder, they immediately kill you. Large theft, you're killed, even now. And I'll tell you what there's only been one foreigner ever reported murdered in China, and that happened 1987 if I'm correct. And that was the last foreigner that was murdered and the person that murdered the foreigner two of them, were put to death. It has a profound effect. When punishment is dealt, it's one of the greatest things and it's one of the greatest things to stop sin. And God deals with chastisement. He deals with his children in two ways, one when you respond to and obey the Lord's leading and we obey his responses, it's a great thing. God disciplines you for will be mainly of guidance, encouragement, or further instruction. When you rebel against God he will deal with you whatever hard measure it takes. No matter how hard it is He will deal with you and he will deal with you in a terribly hard way. God uses love and fear. God says I love you and you better fear me. And God uses each in a perfect blend. See this is like a parent, if a parent is just a tyrant, if a parent just is terribly hard on the children, then he's gonna have a terrible situation at home. If a parent just loves them and doesn't discipline them, he's gonna have a bunch of spoiled brats. Either way, it doesn't work. A parent's got to show love and discipline. That's the way God is. Oh, he loves us and he disciplines us. Proverbs 3:11 and 12, that is on your sheet, my son despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither be weary of His correction. For whom the Lord loveth, he correcteth, even as the father the son in whom he delighteth. Any father who loves his children is going to discipline his children. Very important that we do this. Now when God corrects you it is not because he hates you. It's because he loves you. Now parents we ought to just naturally love our children because God naturally loves us. And we should do all we do out of love. We should not do anything out of hatred or jealousy or because you want to get even with your children. It should be out of love just like God loves us. Job 5:17 says Behold happy is the man whom God corrects. Therefore despise not the chastening of the AYou say, what do you mean happy? Let me tell you something. That the greatest time when our children were growing up, no not while we were disciplining them, but right afterwards. They were the nicest and the sweetest and the best. And it was a real fellowship that you could not describe. I always, the spanking ended it. A spanking and we did not hold grudges, we did not pout in our family. Once it was over we loved. And we always hugged and prayed. And it was over and it was one of the most peaceful, wonderful times because it restored fellowship.

QUESTION 4

In Psalms 51:2, after David's sin with Bathsheba, David asks God to restore his salvation unto him. *True or False?* Answer: _____

QUESTION 5

When wickedness is punished in society evil tends to decrease. *True or False?* Answer: _____

QUESTION 6

Which of the following are the main characteristics of God's chastisement? (*Select all that apply.*)

Answer: _____

- A. Encouragement
- B. Guidance
- C. Instruction
- D. Revenge
- E. Vindication

QUESTION 7

When God chastens us he emphasizes his love for us over the fear we should feel about offending him.

True or False? Answer: _____

QUESTION 8

If a parent just loves his children and does not discipline them, he will have thankful children. *True or False?* Answer: _____

Hebrews 12 gives us a lot of instruction about how to respond to God's discipline. Hebrews 12:7-8 says, "*If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.*".

We endured discipline from our earthly fathers and they had human limitations. In contrast, God does so that we might share His holiness (Heb 12:10). Part of our responsibility is to respond correctly to this discipline and not allow it to put us out of joint, but instead to be healed (Heb 12:12-13). We do this by pursuing the righteous path.

Topic 3: Chastening Issues

There are many issues surrounding chastening. Habakkuk ran right into one of those issues: the issue of fairness. First, he complained that there was injustice in the land of Israel that was left unpunished (Hab 1:1-4). Then God responds saying he was sending the evil Babylonians to chasten Israel (Hab 1:5-11). But Habakkuk is shocked that God would send an even more evil people to chasten Israel (Hab 1:12-2:1). Again God answers saying the Babylonians, after they have fulfilled God's chastening purpose toward Israel, will also be destroyed in his judgment.

After this revelation, Habakkuk fears the coming judgment but rejoices in the God who delivers him for "he enables me to negotiate the rugged terrain" (Hab 3:16-19).

Topic 3: Chastening Issues

Confession, Fellowship, and Loss

Assignment

- Please memorize 1 John 1:9.
- Please memorize Galatians 6:7.

When a Christian disobeys God, he should confess it right away. You know 1 John 1:9, if we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Man, isn't that a great promise? You say but boy, I'll tell you, you start serving God you start learning to confess. Oh Lord, I'm sorry. Lord, I'm sorry. Lord whatever you're going to do, let's get it over quick. Teach me. I want to learn. I want to get this over with. Every time you sin, you should confess it. Every time you confess your sin you'll be forgiven. I want you to notice two things about John 1:9. God does not guarantee restoration of fellowship on the basis of self confession. What do you mean he doesn't guarantee it? He does not guarantee it. Period. You say, wait a minute, He says he will forgive us. That's right. He will forgive us. The fellowship is determined on having things in common. God does not guarantee restoration of the damage resulting of our sin. He does not. If a person is going to start drinking alcohol, they confess it, it does not mean that they are not going to ruin their kidneys and the different organs in their body. God's not going to guarantee that. and you say but wait a minute, wait a minute. See there's a natural result of sin. God forgives us. Yes. But we pay a price when we do things wrong. Galatians 6:7 be not deceived God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. Notice, God does not add except he confess it. You say what are you telling us that for, pastor? I'm telling you that you're gonna be made responsible for what you do, every act that you do. You going to be made responsible for it. You say, but then what's the use? Listen. God will forgive you and you can start walking with the Lord, take the consequences that God gives you, and use them for him. You know the person puts his hand in the fire he cannot escape his hand being burned. And when we do things that are wrong, we pay a price for it. You know, sometimes not too many, but every once in awhile, you have a teenager and they'll say, now how do I really know that this is really what I want. I don't know. I want to go out and live in sin and then I come back with a great testimony of how God got me out of this. Now listen that's the biggest mistake you'll ever make. The damage that will be done, oh yes you can still serve God, but there's not a person around that wouldn't stand up and say they wish that they hadn't been into sin. Not anybody would do that, not anybody that's for real would do that. Some of you might say, so how many times can I commit a sin before God will chasten me? Well, let me tell you. God will give you personalized attention. Yes you say, there are some of them worse than others. I say it's a sin when you decide I'm not gonna serve God anymore. When you just out and out rebel and say I'm just going to go my way. You better watch out. I shared with you about the man who said I'm not gonna serve God. I'm saved but I'm not gonna serve God. Someone just recently shared with one of my children said I don't believe God chastens us. I tell you every time I hear something like that, you just better get back. You better stand away from those people, because it's a very dangerous thing.

QUESTION 9

Please write 1 John 1:9 from memory.

QUESTION 10

When we confess our sin we are also guaranteed restoration in fellowship. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 11

Even though we confess our sin, we may still have to suffer the consequences of our sin. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 12

Please write Galatians 6:7 from memory.

QUESTION 13

We will be held responsible for every action we take. *True or False?* Answer: _____

Topic 3: Chastening Issues

Chastening and Joy

Assignment

- Please read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

Now Hebrews 12:11 says that, when God chastens you it will not be pleasant at the very moment. Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous but nevertheless afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness, unto them which are exercised thereby. That's what I've already talked about. Now a disobedient child is never a happy child. Have you ever seen a disobedient child a happy child? Have you ever seen a child out in a grocery store throwing a fit that's a happy child? Continued sin often brings weakness and sickness in your life. If you refuse to respond to God's dealing with you, if you refuse to discipline your life, God can even take you home early, that He otherwise wouldn't. Now in first Corinthians, I'm not going to read it to you, but chapter 11:30-32 says, some of you are sick, some of you are weak some of you are dying. Why? Because they were taking the Lord's communion and they were getting drunk at the Lord's table. Literally, they are getting drunk at the Lord's table. What an awful thing that it is. Terrible thing and when these churches used wine at communion, you say but the Bible talks about wine, listen that was generic. They never used intoxicants. That's why when they had communion they used the word fruit of the vine, is the word they actually used. Not so anybody would think that they were using real wine. God's against that. God's against it. Now an example of the Christian taken home early, we talked about last week in I Corinthians chapter 5 verse one through five, we won't look at that, we looked at that last week, a man was committing adultery. He was taken home early, but he was still

saved. Very important, and we talk about 1 Cor. 3:15 about eternal security but it's also a great verse for chastisement. If any man his works will be burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself will be saved. Sin in the life of a Christian will result in the loss of joy, power, testimony fellowship and reward. It's not worth it. It's not worth it. If you avoid the appearance of evil, you'll never put yourself in the position of evil. If you will avoid the appearance of evil, you will never be in a position of evil. Don't even put yourself in a position that you could be trouble. See what I'm saying? Just don't allow it. Don't allow yourself to be placed in the wrong position. Always think of your testimony, always think of how everything looks, and you avoid ever being put in the place where the you would show a position of being evil. The appearance of evil. This is very important to be understood by the soul-winner because it gives a good picture of what happens at the judgment seat of Christ for believers and unbelievers.

QUESTION 14

Which of the following were the God-given chastening results of the sin of the church in 1 Corinthians 11:27-34? (*Select all that apply.*) Answer: _____

- A. Death
- B. Deceptions
- C. Sickness
- D. Weakness

QUESTION 15

An example of Christians taken home early is given in Acts 5:1-11. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 16

Your personal testimony is closely connected with your credibility as a soul winner. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Topic 3: Chastening Issues

Chastening and Fairness

Assignment

- Please memorize Ephesians 2:10.

When someone says how could God be just and fair if he lets both good people and bad people into heaven. It's very important that we explain to them that Christians are gonna be chastened. Even though everyone is a sinner. even though Christ has given complete forgiveness of all sin to all those who receive Christ as Savior yet God still has many ways of seeing that those who truly serve him are rewarded and those who do not, suffer loss of reward both on earth and later in Heaven. Now sometimes people put on this, they'll act like I'm not serving God he's not bothered with listen you don't know what's happening out there. Don't you put yourself in the place of God. And you say they're not serving God and they're not being chastened. Listen, you don't know you don't live in their house. You don't what's happening. Listen, don't put yourself in the position of judging like that. All I can tell you is when a person doesn't serve Christ, when a person goes against the things of God, they're going to get chastened for it. And it's not

always very pleasant. It sure isn't. The Christian may do good or bad in his life. We will receive a reward those that don't work will suffer loss even though they will not lose their salvation. Listen, it is very important to understand that. Some people gonna suffer tremendous losses. What a tragic thing that is. now I'm going to quote the two "favoritest" verses I use so much. Ephesians 2:8-9, we are his workmanship this is the tenth verse, we quote Eph. 2:8-9 all the time, but we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. God wants his children to live the life after they're saved, not to be saved because they are saved. We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. See that? God wants a Christian to live the right life.

QUESTION 17

Please write Ephesians 2:10 from memory.

QUESTION 18

When witnessing you should bring up the fact that God chastens Christians when they do wrong. *True or False?* Answer: _____

QUESTION 19

God has many ways of seeing that those who truly serve him are rewarded. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Topic 4: Reward for Serving/Chastening for Rebellng

Some Christians teach that all Christians will receive the same reward in eternity. True, all in Christ will receive a full salvation. But, the Bible also clearly teaches that some will be rewarded and some will suffer loss (1 Cor 3:12-15). Hebrews 6:10 even says that "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

Rewards are based on God's justness. Many parables, like the parable of the talents, teach the same concept (Mt 25:14-30). In Mark 10:28 Peter says to Jesus, "...Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee!" Jesus responds saying that sacrifice will be rewarded in the next life, "Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." (Mk 10:29-30).

Assignment

- Please memorize John 12:26.

Now after a person trusts Christ as savior, he should heed Romans 12:1-2 that I preach many many times up at our camp and many other times. I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. It's

reasonable. And be not conform to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Job 36:11 if we obey and serve him they shall spend their days in prosperity in their years in pleasure. Jesus came and said in John 10:10, but we should all know John 10:10, I am come that you might have life and have it more abundantly. The abundant Christian life. God wants us to be having abundant life. If you want God to honor your life, you must serve him, you must do serve the Lord. God is bound to honor your life. If any man serve me, him will my father honor, John 12:26. The secret of the Christian life is no more or less than obeying God. There's no, as I've been saying on Sunday, there's no one pill, there's no one time. It's the exercise of the Christian life over and over again and getting the word of God becoming the realities of experiences that we should have. You might sometimes think disciplining your life to serve God, the Lord, is a difficult thing. But you need to think of yourselves like this, what's going to be the opposite if discipline my life, what's going to be the opposite? Have you ever thought about what it's going to cost you not to serve Christ? Job exhorts, who is hardening himself against Him and has prospered, Job 9:4. Listen to the warnings in Deuteronomy 28:47, 48 because thou servest not the Lord thy God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart for the abundance of all things, therefore shall thou serve thy enemies which the Lord shall send against thee in hunger in thirst and in nakedness, and in want of all things and you shall put a yoke of iron upon the neck until he hath destroyed thee. Well, that's pretty strong, isn't it? Man that's strong. Isaiah 30 verse one, God says those Christians who rebel against him will have trouble. Those who refuse the counsel of the God the Scriptures so that they can live their own lives, can expect trouble. Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that they counsel but not of me, and they cover with a covering but not of my Spirit that they may add to the sin. Whoa! Satan will always give the best excuses why you shouldn't obey God. Always will do this.

QUESTION 20

Please write John 12:26 from memory.

QUESTION 21

At what point in a Christian's life should he heed Romans 12:1?

Answer: _____

- A. Before he is saved
- B. It is a requirement for salvation
- C. After he is saved
- D. Sometime before he dies

QUESTION 22

Please match the following references as listed in the left-hand column with the corresponding teaching as listed in the right-hand column.

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Teaching</i>
Deuteronomy 28:47-48	Woe to the rebellious children that don't seek me or my covering spirit.
Job 9:4	Because you have not served the Lord joyfully, you will serve your enemy until he has destroyed you.
Job 36:11	God is wise and mighty; who has hardened himself against God and prospered?
Isaiah 30:1	Those who obey God will enjoy prosperity and pleasure.
John 10:10	The thief comes to destroy but I come that you may have abundant life.

QUESTION 23

The secret of the Christian life consists of _____ God.

Topic 5: Faithfulness and Delay in Chastening

God's chastisement doesn't always come immediately. Sometimes that leads people to think it isn't coming at all (Eccl 8:11). That's the problem Habakkuk had as we saw in the last topic introduction. But God is a just God and chastisement for sin will surely come: "Will not the judge of the whole earth do what is right?" (Gen 18:25).

God promised chastisement for Israel's national sins back at the time of Moses, in Deuteronomy 28 and 30. Yet the national dispersion that was promised didn't come for 700 or 800 years! Yet it still came as promised. So don't let God's delay fool you into thinking it's not coming (2 Pet 3:1-13).

But the decision of what you will do is completely up to you. As we have mentioned salvation is voluntary and service is voluntary. Yes, God will chasten you but it's still voluntary. Some people say but I don't have a particular talent to give to the Lord. God says the greatest ability of the Christian life is availability. What does it say, it is not required that you be found, in 1 Corinthians 4:2, it doesn't say popular, wealthy, successful, educated, influential. God honors believers who are faithful. Faith is what is required of stewards, and that a man be found faithful. Notice in 1 Timothy 1:12, the reason God put Paul in the ministry. It wasn't that he chose him for some intangible vague reason. Paul had been proven to be a faithful servant. And God put him in the ministry because he could be counted upon him for being faithful. Doesn't mean everybody will be a preacher. I tell you though God loves faithful people. And it's people who are faithful in the little things. Now an interesting insight God has given us the real reason why people do wrong and think they can actually get away with it even in the sight of God is found in Ecclesiastes 8:11. Because sentence against an evil work is not excused executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set to do evil. People think, I've got away with it, nothing is happening. People forget that there's usually a time lapse bet between planting and reaping. Listen you're going to I've seen people, listen friends, I say this with with tears. I say this not rejoicing. I say this in in tears, people that have gone against God have paid an awesome price. Nothing to do with me nothing to did just if you go against God you pay the price. And it's awesome, it's awful, it's terrible, what happens when a person says I will do what I want. I will not submit to a pastor. I will not do what God wants me to do.

The result is what they do is often not produced until later and I tell you the children later and they weep and they cry it's too late. Too late. Friend as we end tonight, if there's any of you don't know Christ as your Savior you know to be chastened, you have to, every child is chastened, is saved. The Bible says you're illegitimate if not chastened.

QUESTION 24

According to 1 Timothy 1:12, God put Paul into his position of ministry because he was _____.

QUESTION 25

According to Ecclesiastes 8:11, what causes man's heart to be fully set to do evil?

Answer: _____

- A. A delay in executing a sentence against evil.
- B. Bribes
- C. Not following God's laws
- D. Parents that don't discipline their children.

Lesson 7 Answers to Questions

QUESTION 1: True [Chastening means that God will discipline you.]

QUESTION 2: False [While you have certain privileges as God's child, remember that God is now your Father and has the responsibility of taking care of you.]

QUESTION 3: *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

Because if people think you're teaching that you can get saved and live any way you want they're not going to buy it. If that was true there would be no substance to Christianity and no relationship with God. That God is now your Father. Therefore, he has a responsibility to take care of you and he is responsible for your behavior.

QUESTION 4: False [Because David was under God's chastening and out of fellowship with God he asks God to restore unto him the JOY of God's salvation. Even in Old Testament times believers could not lose their salvation.]

QUESTION 5: True [When punishment is dealt it is one of the greatest things to stop sin.]

QUESTION 6

- A. Encouragement
- B. Guidance
- C. Instruction

[But when you rebel against God, He will deal with you with whatever hard measure it takes.]

QUESTION 7: False [God uses each in a perfect blend.]

QUESTION 8: False [Or on the opposite extreme, if a parent is terribly hard on the children, he will have a terrible situation at home.]

QUESTION 9: *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

QUESTION 10: False [Fellowship is determined by having things in common.]

QUESTION 11: True [Fellowship is not automatically restored upon confession and forgiveness because fellowship is based on having things in common.]

QUESTION 12: *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

QUESTION 13: True [When we do something wrong we will pay the price for it.]

QUESTION 14

- A. Death
- C. Sickness
- D. Weakness

[They were disciplined in this way for their disorders while observing the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:17-34).]

QUESTION 15: True [Ananias and Sapphira were disciplined in this way for lying to the Holy Spirit.]

QUESTION 16: True [Always think of your testimony to others and don't allow yourself to be placed in the wrong position.]

QUESTION 17: *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

QUESTION 18: True [Unbelievers are concerned that Christianity is something real and not a charade.]

QUESTION 19: True [He also sees to it that those who do not, suffer loss of reward both on earth and later in heaven.]

QUESTION 20: *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.”

QUESTION 21

C. After he is saved [This cannot be done before salvation or FOR salvation. Paul’s admonition is based on a believer having received the mercies of God.]

QUESTION 22

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Teaching</i>
Deuteronomy 28:47-48	Because you have not served the Lord joyfully, you will serve your enemy until he has destroyed you.
Job 9:4	God is wise and mighty; who has hardened himself against God and prospered?
Job 36:11	Those who obey God will enjoy prosperity and pleasure.
Isaiah 30:1	Woe to the rebellious children that don’t seek me or my covering spirit.
John 10:10	The thief comes to destroy but I come that you may have abundant life.

QUESTION 23: Obeying [It is the exercise of the Christian life over and over again, getting the Word of God, having it become the reality of experience.]

QUESTION 24: *Your answer should be one of the following:*

Faithful, Paul had proven to be a faithful servant.

QUESTION 25

A. A delay in executing a sentence against evil. [People forget that there is usually a time lapse between sowing and reaping.]

QUESTION 26: *Your answer*

QUESTION 27: *Your answer*

