

June 11 Answers

- 1) The wise sayings and proverbs of Solomon. A recurring theme in Proverbs is the importance of being **teachable**: “He who neglects discipline despises himself, But he who listens to reproof acquires understanding” (Prov 15:32 NASB). This shows us that being teachable means receiving criticism and correction **graciously**. How hard that is to do! Our first reaction is to **justify** our behavior and **defend** our actions. Yet when we do that—when we ignore reproof and reject discipline—we are really despising ourselves. A teachable person welcomes instruction. A teachable person is willing to humble themselves and say, “I was **wrong**, please forgive me.” A teachable person responds to criticism with **gratitude**. They say, “Thank you for caring enough to share that with me. I will make it a matter of prayer.” When we swallow our pride and receive God’s rebuke, we have His smile and His approval. Truly, “He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof Will dwell among the wise” (Prov 15:31 NASB). That’s exactly where we all want to be!