

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



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**Message Title:** Experiencing Life and Liberty

**Message Text:** Proverbs 13:12-14

### Introduction:

Have you noticed how that life is made up of *moments*. These moments are mostly *practical* as opposed to *theoretical*. In every moment we are faced with real choices between what is foolish and what is wise, what is our own way and what is God's way. Whenever we go our own way we experience we experience destruction and bondage. Whenever we choose to go God's way we experience life and liberty.

*John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

*Ephesians 6:2–3 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ we Have (12)

*Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: But when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.*

NOTE — Hope refers to our expectations.

DEFINITION—DEFERRED: to be postponed; to be held back to a later time.

DEFINITION—SICK: to afflict (physical); to cause physical pain, suffering, or illness. *To grow weak, tired; fall sick, be ill; feel pain*

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QUOTE: All sickness, disease, and stress can be associated with one of more of five contributing factors over which we have control — what we think, what we say, what we do, what we eat and what we inherit. —Crabb

*Isaiah 53:10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, He shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.*

NOTE — Unmet expectations are a reality of life. (See *Ecclesiastes 2:1-11*)

NOTE — ‘Tree of life’ refers to what produces animation and energy in action or expression; the joy of life

*Psalms 62:5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; For my expectation is from him.*

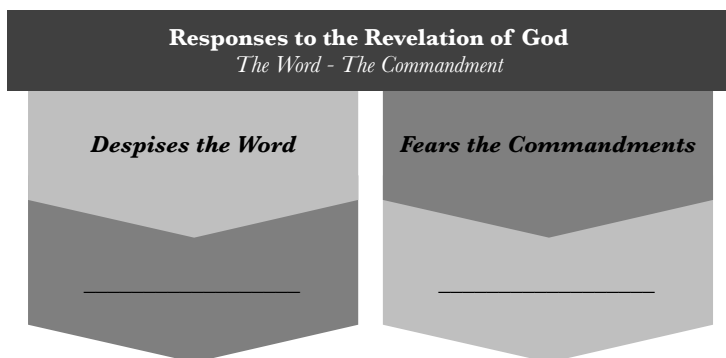
*Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*

*Psalms 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loadeth us with benefits, Even the God of our salvation. Selah.*

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ we Follow (13)

THE BIBLE — *God's user manual for life.*

*Proverbs 13:13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: But he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.*



NOTE — The world is consumed with “My Way.”

DEFINITION—DESPISETH: to despise; to look down on with contempt.

*Jeremiah 36:30 Therefore thus saith the Lord of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.*

DEFINITION—DESTROYED: to destroy completely; damage irreparably; impound; seize a pledge

DEFINITION—FEARETH: having fear and profound respect for something; typically used of a person in regards to God.

*2 Kings 22:11–13 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. 12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, 13 Go ye, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.*

DEFINITION—REWARDED: to be repaid; to be given recompense for one's behavior or actions, whether good or bad.

QUOTE: The only path to freedom is obedience, not rebellion. Liberty is had only through service, not self-expression.—J.A. Kitchen

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ we Choose <sup>(14)</sup>

*Proverbs 13:14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, To depart from the snares of death.*

LAW OF THE WISE — the Word of God

QUOTE: The Hebrew word translated 'teaching' is torah, the word normally associated with the Law of God and the Pentateuch. —J.A. Kitchen

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE — an unceasing flow of life, rejuvenation, joy

NOTE — The message of the word of God helps us to avoid the certain, but often unseen traps in life that lead to death.

*Proverbs 4:15 Avoid it, pass not by it, Turn from it, and pass away.*

*Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death.*

*Galatians 6:7–8 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting*

## Conclusion

*Psalm 37:4–5 Delight thyself also in the Lord; And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*



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