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(#79) The Proverbs of Solomon 14:6- God's Word To The "Me" Generation

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 14:6:

A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, but knowledge is easy to him who understands.

The term "scoffer" describes an attitude toward truth: derision, scorn. Job expressed to his friends, "No doubt you *are* the people, and wisdom will die with you!" (**Job 12:2**) Everyone who thinks their opinion is superior to all sources of truth will fail, now and forever:

- Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor is humility. (**Proverbs 18:12**)
- A haughty look, a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin. (**Proverbs 21:4**)
- Against the haughtiness of Babylon, God decreed, "I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible." (**Isaiah 13:11**)

An over-inflated ego:

- In a child, rejects parental correction ("disobedient to parents," "headstrong," "haughty," **2 Timothy 3:1-5**);
- In a "scientist," ignores evidence for Noah's Flood (**2 Peter 3:3-7**);
- In wealthy people, refuse to trust in God (**1 Timothy 6:17**);
- In researchers, reject evidence for God's existence (**Romans 1:18-21**); and
- In religious leaders, refuse to listen to Jesus Christ (**Luke 16:14**).

"Scoffers" do not ask questions to learn truth, but to test the Teacher (**Matthew 16:1; 19:3; 22:35**)!

Other proverbs show how dangerous this attitude really is:

- He who begets a scoffer *does so* to his sorrow, and the father of a fool has no joy. (**Proverbs 17:21**)



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- Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary; rebuke one who has understanding, *and* he will discern knowledge. (**Proverbs 19:25**)
- When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise; but when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge. (**Proverbs 21:11**)
- A proud *and* haughty *man* –‘Scoffer’ is his name; He acts with arrogant pride. (**Proverbs 21:24**)
- Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; yes, strife and reproach will cease. (**Proverbs 22:10**)
- The devising of foolishness *is* sin, and the scoffer *is* an abomination to men. (**Proverbs 24:9**)

According to these: no father should be happy his child is a scoffer; hitting a scoffer only has a sobering, “wise up” effect on other sinners; scoffers only listen to that which inflates their pride, haughtiness, and arrogance; scoffers are the cause of contention, strife, and reproach; and scoffers are to be despised of men.

“Knowledge *is* easy,” for anyone willing to learn. Jesus said:

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” (**Matthew 7:7-8**)

Evidence for God is easily seen everywhere in His Creation, and the Identity of God is evident throughout His Scriptures.

For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. (**Psalms 96:4-6**)

Don’t listen to “scoffers,” who willfully reject all avenues of truth, but rather listen to God whose Truth is easily found. Even idolaters may “seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us” (**Acts 17:27**).

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