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Proverbs 29:3, **“Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.”**

Having been a school teacher for a while, I can personally witness with the first part of this proverb. You could witness the joy and satisfaction in the faces of the parents whose children were intent on learning. It brings such sweet memories to mind when we are able to recall the desire of a number of students who could not get enough of learning about all facets of history and they were the same in all of their classes.

Solomon, the writer of Proverbs, asked God for wisdom. I Kings 4:29 says, **“And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.”** Notice the words found in Ecclesiastes 7:25, **“I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness...”**

The first lesson found in Proverbs 29:3 is two fold. First, our natural parents are pleased to the point of rejoicing when they have children who love gaining knowledge which leadeth to wisdom. Secondly, our heavenly Father rejoices when He sees His children desiring wisdom from above and seeking to learn more about their Lord and Saviour.

The second half of this proverb is just not good, as in the situation of one keeping company with harlots. The result of doing so is loss of substance. Losing one's substance can be looked at in two ways. First, money and goods are wasted on pleasure which does not last. Then, substance can mean the character of an individual or one's self worth. The result of riotous living is even worse than the loss of material goods.

Seek wisdom! However, the wisdom one seeketh should be the wisdom which cometh from God. It can be gained and increased by the study of God's word, availing yourself to every opportunity to hear the gospel, and by sweet fellowship

with the saints of God. James tells this truth in James 1:5, **“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”** So, the bottom line is: Ask God for wisdom and stay away from harlots. ***Think About It!***