

Crossing God's Deadline (Proverbs 29:1)

Prov 29:1 “He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck,
Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.” NKJV

1. Spiritual Conviction “*He who is often reproved...*”

* **How Does God Reprove?** - Word “*reprove*” means “*to warn*”

- A. **Through His Holy Spirit**
- B. **Through Sickness**
- C. **Through Sweetness**
- D. **Through The Scriptures**
- E. **Through His Servants**

2. Stubborn Rebellion “*...and hardens his neck...*”

* **How Do People Rebel, or Harden Their Necks?**

A. Through Procrastination

- (Proverbs 27:1) - “*Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth*”
- (Exodus 8:9-10) - *9 Moses said to Pharaoh, "I leave to you the honor of setting the time for me to pray for you and your officials and your people that you and your houses may be rid of the frogs, except for those that remain in the Nile." 10 "Tomorrow," Pharaoh said. Moses replied, "It will be as you say, so that you may know there is no one like the LORD our God.*

B. Through Pride

C. Through the Pleasures of this World

- (2 Tim. 3:1-4) – “*But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God- 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power.*”

3. Sudden Destruction “*...will suddenly be destroyed...*”

A. Destruction of the Mind Through Delusion

- (2 Thes. 2:11-12) - 11” *For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.*”

B. Destruction of the Spirit Through Desertion

- (Gen. 6:3) – 3 “*Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever.*”

- (Romans 1:24-28) - 24 *Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised. Amen. 26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. 28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.*

C. Destruction of the Body Through Death

4. **Settled Destiny** “...and that without remedy.”