

Frederick Douglass, Chapters 9-13:
Baltimore, Knowledge, and the Gospel

"His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sin. He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray." – Proverbs 5: 22-23

1. Who was chiefly responsible for getting Douglass moved from Talbot County to Baltimore City?

Lucretia Auld
Captain Anthony
Hugh Auld

2. Consider Douglass' account of the highs and lows of Sophia Auld in light of Proverbs 5:1-6. In what ways did Sophia become like the woman of which this passage warns? Give at least two illustrations and how they correspond with the passage.

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3. Unlike the regretful statement in Proverbs 5:12-13, Douglass did listen to instruction and to his teachers. Name three people (or groups of people) who Douglass learned from during his years in Baltimore and what each one taught him:

1) Teacher:
Lesson:

2) Teacher:
Lesson:

3) Teacher:
Lesson:

4. What did Douglass describe as “the direct pathway from slavery to freedom?” Read Proverbs 5:21-23, John 8:31-32, and Hosea 4:6 and answer in 3-5 sentences whether you agree with Douglass and why or why not.

5. Read Proverbs 6:6-8. Name two ways that Douglass illustrated the characteristics of the ant:

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Now read Proverbs 6:9-11. How did Douglass demonstrate the *opposite* characteristics of the sluggard?

6. Which of the following was *not* a result of Douglass hearing and responding to the Gospel?

He found his burden lightened and his heart relieved

His dislike for slaveholders increased

His desire to learn, especially the Bible, increased

7. Read Proverbs 6:12-15. Describe three ways in which the Douglass' account of what happened to the Anthony family illustrates that passage:

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8. Give the definitions of the following three words Douglass uses in his narrative (use a dictionary and pay attention to the context in which the word is used):

1) Quondam:

2) Larboard:

3) Vicissitudes:

9. Read Proverbs 6:16-19. Use Douglass to describe how American slavery exemplified all seven things that God hates. The first one is done for you.

1) **A proud look.** Douglass wrote that he eventually understood that the true foundation of all slavery and oppression was to be in the pride, the power, and the avarice of man (p. 54).

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10. Douglass says that being moved to Baltimore was “one of the most interesting and fortunate events of my life” and that if he had not moved, he “might have continued in slavery until emancipated by the [Civil] war.” Name three things that happened to Douglass in Baltimore that you think had a permanent, positive impact on his life:

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