

Series – Proverbs and Parenting
Two-Fold Purpose of Parenting
Proverbs 1:1-7 **April 24, 2022**

Introduction

proverb

pithy

“A stitch in time saves nine.”

Word Study

The word *proverb* is used in the Bible.

1. It may be a short pithy saying of general truth
2. It may refer to an extended parable
3. It may refer to an extended discourse.
4. It may refer to a person or a group of people who serve as an example.

Two major themes in Proverbs

1. Wisdom (which includes knowledge, understanding instruction, discretion, and obedience) is built on the fear of the Lord and the Word of God.
2. Folly is everything opposite to wisdom.

Interpretive Challenges

Proverbs are divine guidelines and wise observations, which teach godly principles, but they are not always inflexible laws or absolute promises.

The Prologue to Proverbs

The Proverbs of Solomon

1. The author
2. Proverbs is a book of comparisons.
3. The proverbs are short, pithy sayings which express timeless truth and wisdom.
4. The proverbs arrest our thoughts and cause us to reflect on how we might apply the principles in our life.

Caution – Not every proverb of man is correct.

“The acorn doesn’t fall far from the tree.”

The Two-fold Purpose of Proverbs

*2 To know wisdom and instruction,
To perceive the words of understanding,*

1. to produce the skill necessary for godly living by allowing the student to gain wisdom and instruction through knowledge and sight

know

wisdom

instruction

What will be the content of the schooling for godly living?

The student will receive (take in) instruction (warning, instruction) in -

* wisdom

* justice

* judgment

* equity

Remember that this “instruction” can take multiple forms

1. Instruction
2. Warning
3. Reproof
4. Restraint

What is the goal of this instruction?

prudence

To whom? *the simple*

knowledge

discretion

2. to develop discernment

perceive

understanding comes from the word *perceive* (perception)

What will be the benefit of being a discerning person?

You will be wise:

- * you will hear instruction with the intent to obey it
- * you will continue to add instruction to your life
- * you will then be able to counsel and instruct others

attain to erect, to create

wise counsel

“The wise believer will have the ability to guide or govern others with truth.” John MacArthur

An All-Important Motto

fear

beginning

The fear of the Lord is the foundation for all spiritual knowledge and wisdom.

What is the other option?

But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

That is what Proverbs is all about.

If you fear God, you have the foundation necessary to learn from the proverbs presented.

- * to learn how to reflect God’s attitudes
- * to be challenged to bend your will to His will
- * to be challenged to please Him in all your actions
- * to make your goals His goals

Do you fear the Lord?

Do you teach your children to fear the Lord?

The fear of the Lord is the foundation for a godly life.

It is the foundation for effective parenting.

*7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction*

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery