

**Mother's Day**  
**The Sons of Proverbs**  
**Proverbs 14:15-18 May 8, 2022**

**Introduction**

The two-fold purpose of Proverbs and parenting is -

1. to produce the skill necessary for godly living...
2. to develop discernment

How does that start?

“fear”

“beginning”

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

What is the other option?

Our challenge on April 24 was -

Do you fear the Lord?

Do you teach your children to fear the Lord?

It 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.*

Here is the truth for today - Every child is different!

**The Sons of Proverbs**

Proverbs mentions 3 (4) different sons.

Every child will fall into one of these categories.

The people we deal with will fall into one of these categories.

1. Wise Son

2. Simple Son

“simple”

There is a battle going on for the mind of the simple.  
Proverbs is all about the battle for the simple.

John 14:1-6

1. I go to prepare a place for you.
2. I will come again for you.
3. I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

This is a very plain statement.

Jesus is the only way to God.

He is the only access to the Father.

Only through Jesus can we approach the Father.

No one comes to the Father except through Jesus.

It doesn't get any clearer than that.

Truth is narrow.

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3. Foolish Son

3a. Scoffer

*Prov 13:1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction,  
But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.*

*Prov 24:9 The devising of foolishness is sin,  
And the scoffer is an abomination to men.*

“scoff”

2 Peter 3:1-6

**How about you?**

- 1. Are you a wise son or daughter of God?**
- 2. Are you a simple son or daughter?**
- 3. Are you a fool?**
- 4. Are you a scoffer?**

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery