

Series – Proverbs and Parenting
Life 24/7 - The Value of Wisdom
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Introduction - 24/7

Proverbs

A proverb is a “pithy” statement.

The Two-fold Purpose of Proverbs

The two-fold purpose of the book is -

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

An All-important Motto

“fear of the Lord”

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

The Sons of Proverbs

The wise son

The foolish son

The simple son

The Value of Wisdom

value

The Big Idea – If you truly value wisdom, you will be a 24/7 follower of Jesus.

1. The encouragement to search for wisdom

a. If you seek for wisdom

Step 1 – Value the words of the teacher.

Step 2 – Passionately pursue wisdom.

incline

apply

cry

lift up

seek

search

“I will seek for wisdom just like man seeks for precious treasure. Once I find it, I will treasure it. I will hide it in my heart. It will become part of my inner being.”

How about you?

Warning - It only takes one generation to lose your family spiritually.

Warning - If you leave your child’s values training to... then you should expect to lose your child for the Lord.

b. Then you will understand the fear of the Lord

c. Then you will understand righteousness

As the pupil gets to know God, He learns many wonderful things about his awesome God. God gives -

1. Instruction
2. Satisfaction
3. Protection
4. Grace

As the pupil sees these things about his awesome God,

Then he will understand -

righteousness

justice

equity

And if he knows all that, then he will understand

every good path

Warning – If you only teach your child the rules and regulations, without teaching your child to have an awe for God, you are courting disaster.

You will either raise

- * a guilt-ridden pessimist
- * a brittle legalist
- * a passive/resistive rebel
- * or an antagonistic rebel

2. The benefits of wisdom

a. Inner protection

b. Protection from foolish men

A wise son or daughter -

1. sees evil as evil
2. can spot deception and fraud
3. knows the path from the quicksand
4. has his eyes open and can tell light from darkness
5. won't be fooled by the delights of the wicked
6. knows a crooked man when he sees one
7. can tell God's path from the path of the perverse

c. Protection from the immoral woman

Sexual immorality is

1. Seductive “Sexual sin binds and blinds.”
2. Breaking the marriage covenant
3. Breaking your covenant with God

What is the end of those who succumb to her?

d. Righteousness

A wise person will -

1. walk in the way of goodness
2. keep on the path of righteousness

e. (A) Future life

f. (The) Ability to see the end of the wicked

How about you?

There is a battle going on for our children.

What kind of teacher are you?

Don't be on the wrong path.

Don't be a couch potato sitting on the right path.

Get into the battle for the mind, character, and spiritual nature of the next generation.

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~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery