

Proverbs - Be a Wise Guy for God

All In The Family

Week 4

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Class Topics

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God and Man - Review

God used his infinite wisdom to make us and all creation
Proverbs supports that God is omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent and sovereign
God sees not only what we do, but also our motives, our heart and our soul

We are called to fear and trust the Lord; God will bless us and care for us
Being right with God (righteousness) leads to wisdom
Blessings are promised for the righteous and punishment for the wicked
Our recognition of blessings improves as we get closer to God

Husbands and Wives - Blessings for the Righteous

How steady is the house of the righteous?
Proverbs 12:7 = *The house of the righteous stands firm*
How does God fit into a man's pursuit of a godly wife?
Proverbs 18:22 = *He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord*
Proverbs 19:14 = *A prudent wife is from the Lord*
Proverbs 11:22 = *Beauty is no match to a woman with wisdom from God*

A Wife of Noble Character - The Proverbs 31 Woman

Acrostic poem = Each verse begins with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet, Themes bounce around
How valuable is a wife of noble character?
Proverbs 31:10-12 = *More precious than rubies, Brings confidence, completeness and good*
What are characteristics of a wife of noble character?
Proverbs 31:13, 17, 19, 27 = *Skillful and hard working for her family*
Proverbs 31:14, 16, 24 = *Enterprising in order to help provide for her family*
Proverbs 31:15, 18 = *Takes care of her family from early in the morning to late at night*
Proverbs 31:20 = *Cares much about others*
Proverbs 31:21, 22, 25 = *Ensures her family is well provided for and secure*
Proverbs 31:26 = *A wise and loving counselor*
Proverbs 31:23 = *Empowers her family to be the best they can be*
Proverbs 31:30 = *Fears the Lord*
How does the family of a wife of noble character feel about her?
Proverbs 31:28-31 = *Greatly loved and respected*

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Husbands and Wives - Punishment for the Wicked

How important is a peaceful home?

Proverbs 17:1 = *Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife*

How dangerous is the quarrelsome husband to the marriage?

Proverbs 26:21 = He kindles strife – makes matters worse, aggravates situations

How dangerous is the quarrelsome wife to the marriage?

Proverbs 27:15-16 (19:13) = *A quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping on a rainy day*

Proverbs 21:9, 19 = *Better to live on ... the roof (or in a desert) than with a quarrelsome wife*

How does the wife from God differ from the wife of trouble?

Proverbs 12:4 = *Godly wife is her husband's crown; a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones*

Proverbs 14:1 = *The wise woman builds her house (home), but the foolish one tears hers down*

Husbands and Wives - Warnings Against Adultery

How secure is the house of the husband who strays?

Proverbs 27:8 = *Like a bird that strays from its nest - Lost security, vulnerable to temptation*

How dangerous is the adulteress?

Proverbs 22:14 = Like a deep pit; Those who fall into adultery are *under the Lord's wrath*

Adulteress in Hebrew is *strange (zarah) woman* = Any woman other than your wife

Proverbs 5:3-6 (1-23) = Adultery may look sweet but it bitter, painful and kills life

How is the adulteress to be avoided?

Proverbs 7:4-5 (1-27) = Use your head - Wisdom and understanding will give you control

What does Solomon recommend instead of adultery?

Proverbs 5:15-19 = Enjoy and love your spouse - and your spouse alone

Parents and Children - Blessings for the Righteous

How does a parent's faithfulness affect his children?

Proverbs 13:22 = A good man leaves an inheritance (legacy) for his descendants

Proverbs 14:26 = He who fears the Lord provides a refuge for his children

Proverbs 20:7 = The children of a righteous man are blessed

What does Proverbs say about a parent's responsibility to a child?

Proverbs 22:6 = *Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it*

Proverbs 22:15 = Discipline helps children grow out of a natural foolishness (the simple)

Proverbs 29:15 = Discipline imparts wisdom; An undisciplined child is a disgrace

Proverbs 13:24 = Discipline is a purposeful act of love; No discipline is loveless neglect

Proverbs 19:18 (23:13-14) = Discipline gives a child hope for life

What does Proverbs say about a child's responsibility to a parent?

Proverbs 1:8-9 = Listen and follow your parents' teaching

Proverbs 20:11 = How you act says a lot about who you are and how you were raised

Proverbs 10:1 (15:20) = A wise child brings joy to his parents; A foolish one brings grief

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What kinds of children cause shame to their parents?

Proverbs 10:5 = Lazy - Sleeping when there is work to be done

Proverbs 15:5 = Obstinate - Doesn't accept or learn from discipline

Proverbs 17:21, 25 = Foolish

Proverbs 19:26 = Unsupportive - Doesn't support or care for parents in old age or need

Proverbs 20:20 = Unloving, Hateful

Proverbs 28:7 (23:19-21) = Lawless, glutton, drunkard

Proverbs 30:17 = Mocking

What can the disgraceful child expect?

Proverbs 17:2 (11:29) = Lose relationship and inheritance (legacy, etc.) in family

Other Family Insights

How do these proverbs apply to family relationships?

Proverbs 10:12 = Hatred creates problems, Love removes problems (promotes forgiveness)

Proverbs 11:17 = Cruelty causes trouble, Kindness brings benefits

Proverbs 13:10 (11:2) = Pride breeds quarrels, Humbly listening to others is wise

Proverbs 15:18 = Hot tempers build conflict, Patience calms even difficult situations

Proverbs 20:22 = Don't seek revenge, Look to God when offended

Proverbial Quiz (page 4) = Go over answers

Closing Prayer

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Proverbial Quiz

1. Match the two Bible Proverb halves in each grouping:

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| 1. A wise son brings joy to his father, | a. and do not forsake your mother's teaching. (1:8) |
| 2. A friend loves at all times, | b. but a foolish man despises his mother. (15:20) |
| 3. Listen, my son, to your father's instruction
= 1b, 2c, 3a | c. and a brother is born for adversity. (17:17) |
| 4. A wife of noble character who can find? | d. but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones. (12:4) |
| 5. A quarrelsome wife is like | e. and receives favor from the LORD. (18:22) |
| 6. A wife of noble character is her husband's crown, | f. a constant dripping on a rainy day. (27:15) |
| 7. He who finds a wife finds what is good
= 4g, 5f, 6d, 7e | g. She is worth far more than rubies. (31:10) |
| 8. Train a child in the way he should go, | h. but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. (13:22) |
| 9. Do not withhold discipline from a child; | i. but he who loves him is careful to discipline him. (13:24) |
| 10. A good man leaves an inheritance
for his children's children, | j. and when he is old he will not turn from it. (22:6) |
| 11. He who spares the rod hates his son,
= 8j, 9k, 10h, 11i | k. if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. (23:13) |

2. Fill in the blanks of these English proverbs:

A house divided against itself cannot stand

A house is not a home

A man's home is his castle

A woman's place is in the home

Behind every great man there's a great woman

Blood is thicker than water

Charity begins at home

Don't bite the hand that feeds you

Home is where the heart is

It's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all

Like father, like son

Love is blind

Spare the rod and spoil the child

Talk is cheap

The way to a man's heart is through his stomach

There's no place like home