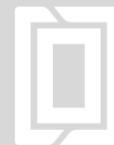


PARENTING THROUGH PROVERBS

Selected Proverbs



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1) What are you thinking or feeling as we begin this parenting series?

Read Proverbs 22:6 in a couple of translations

2) What is this Proverb saying and what is it not saying?

3) Read these Proverbs below. What is Solomon's concern?

- Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching; indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head, and ornaments about your neck (1:8-9).
- My son, if you will receive my sayings, and treasure my commandments within you...Then you will discern the fear of the Lord, and discover the knowledge of God (2:1, 5).
- My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments (3:1).
- Hear, O sons, the instruction of a father, and give attention that you may gain understanding (4:1).

4) Read these Proverbs below. What happens to our kids if they refuse the wisdom of God?

- A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish son is a grief to his mother (10:1).
- A wise son accepts his father's discipline, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke (13:1).
- A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises, his mother (15:20).
- A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him (17:25).
- He who robs his father or his mother, and says, "It is not a transgression," Is the companion of a man who destroys (28:24).
- The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother (29:15).
- There is a kind of man who curses his father, and does not bless his mother. There is a kind who is pure in his own eyes, yet is not washed from his filthiness. There is a kind - oh how lofty are his eyes! And his eyelids are raised in arrogance (30:11-13).

5) According to these Proverbs, who is ultimately responsible for the spiritual destiny of our children?

- They would not accept my counsel, they spurned all my reproof. So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way, and be satiated with their own devices. For the waywardness of the naive shall kill them, and the complacency of fools shall destroy them (1:30-32).
- If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you scoff, you alone will bear it (9:12).
- The foolishness of man subverts his way, and his heart rages against the Lord (19:3).

6) What has your recent parenting or grand-parenting taught you about your insecurities and fears?

7) Can you think of a time this past month where you overreacted? What do you think was happening in your heart in that moment?

8) What do you think your kids or grandkids would say about your parenting if they could have an honest moment with you?

9) What do you want to hear Jesus say to you as you navigate these difficult waters of parenting?