

## LESSON #6



### Bible Study

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This is a series of study lessons on the Book of Proverbs. You can copy and paste each lesson or simply print from your file menu. If you like, you can send each lesson to the address listed at the end of the lesson for grading. May the Lord bless you as you study His Word!

*(The King James Bible should be used to answer the questions.)*

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## **"PARENTS"**

### ***DUTY TOWARDS PARENTS***

Read Proverbs 20:20. What would be the opposite of the word curse (see also Proverbs 30:11)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why does God use such strong language in Proverbs 30:17? Is our attitude towards our parents really that important? Is the Fifth Commandment important (see Exodus 20:12)? \_\_\_\_\_  
What does the word "honor" mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
What was the punishment for breaking the Fifth Commandment according to Exodus 21:17? \_\_\_\_\_ Did God intend young people to take the Fifth Commandment seriously? \_\_\_\_\_

Consider the person who says, "I'll take some money from Mom and Dad. They will never know it, and it is not really wrong to do this because we are all part of the same family and I belong to them and their money belongs to me. I'll be careful to use this money wisely. A few dollars will not make a big difference anyway." What does Proverbs 28:24 say about this kind of thinking? Is such a thing a transgression (sin) in God's sight? Why? If a person would steal from his loved ones (parents), what might be do to those he is not even close to?

Read Proverbs 10:5 carefully. What virtue is exemplified by the wise son? \_\_\_\_\_  
What vice (evil habit or tendency, fault) is exemplified by the shameful son? \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Instruction By Parents***

Consider Proverbs 1:8. Is this verse talking about good instruction or bad instruction (see also Proverbs 4:1-2,11)? \_\_\_\_\_ Are the parents mentioned in Proverbs 1:8 godly parents or ungodly parents? \_\_\_\_\_

Quickly skim through Proverbs chapters 1-7. In what verses is the parent instructing or warning the young person: \_\_\_\_\_

In Proverbs 1:8 the son is told to "hear...and don't forsake..." According to Proverbs 1:10-15, what would a son have to do to forsake this instruction? \_\_\_\_\_

A son or daughter should \_\_\_\_\_ to his or her father and not \_\_\_\_\_ his or her mother (Proverbs 23:22).

What instruction should a son (or daughter) not listen to (Proverbs 19:27)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ What would be the opposite of **receiving** a father's words (compare Proverbs 2:1)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ When parents give instruction how does a person know they have rightly received this instruction? "Even a \_\_\_\_\_ is known by his \_\_\_\_\_ whether his work be pure and whether it be right" (Proverbs 20:11).

According to Proverbs 3:1, a son should always remember his father's \_\_\_\_\_. A godly father gives his son *commandments* (Proverbs 3:1) for his own good (Proverbs 3:2). Is it a serious thing to break God's commandments? \_\_\_\_\_ How does a son or daughter learn to keep God's commandments? Where is the first place the son or daughter can practice commandment keeping? \_\_\_\_\_

The fear of the LORD (see Proverbs 1:7) is first taught in the home. If children do not learn to fear and reverence and respect their parents, how can they ever learn to fear and respect and honor God (compare Malachi 1:6)? Was the father in Proverbs 2:1-5 concerned about teaching the fear of the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you find three generations in Proverbs 4:1-4? \_\_\_\_\_ Which were concerned about doing and teaching what was right? \_\_\_\_\_ Which one may or may not do right? \_\_\_\_\_

In Proverbs 4:1 Solomon is saying, "I'm teaching you" and in verses 3 and 4, "My Father (David) taught me!" .

Remember, the kind of person you are will have an effect on your children (Proverbs 20:7)? What valuable things will you leave to your children and even to your grandchildren (compare Proverbs 13:22).

Can a son or daughter **who heeds** the instruction of a godly parent avoid many problems (see Proverbs 4:10-12 and especially the last part of 4:12)? \_\_\_\_\_

Part of the parents' instruction involves WARNING. Please MATCH the following:

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|----|-------|---|----|---|
| 1. | _____ | Warning about not going with sinners and having them as companions. | A. | Proverbs 6:6-11                         |
| 2. | _____ | Warning about the wicked, worldly woman.                            | B. | Proverbs 23:19-21,29-32                 |
| 3. | _____ | Warning about laziness.   | C. | Proverbs 1:10-15; 2:12-15; 4:14         |
| 4. | _____ | Warning about falling into error.                                   | D. | Proverbs 19:27                          |
| 5. | _____ | Warning about the dangers of wine and the folly of drunkenness.     | E. | Proverbs 2:16; 5:3-8; 7:24-25; 23:26-28 |

Good parents not only warn but they encourage us to do what is right. Please MATCH the following:

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| 1. | _____ | Parents should encourage children to trust God.         | A. | Proverbs 7:1-4; 8:32; 23:23; 24:13-14; 27:11 |
| 2. | _____ | Parents should encourage children to seek after wisdom. | B. | Proverbs 3:5-6, 24-26                        |
| 3. | _____ | Parents should encourage children to fear God.          | C. | Proverbs 24:21                               |

Good parents also need to rebuke their children and get after them when they are wrong. What kind of son does not listen to rebuke (Proverbs 13:1)? \_\_\_\_\_ Whose wisdom is spoken of in Proverbs 5:1 (in other words, who does the pronoun "my" refer to)? \_\_\_\_\_

Name two or three reasons why parents should have more wisdom than the child:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Suppose you went to work with an auto mechanic (or with a seamstress), and this was a type of work in which you did not have much previous experience. Who would the instructor be? Who would have the wisdom? Would you need to listen carefully to the instructor? Would you need to carefully follow directions? If you fail to hear and heed the instructor, would you probably make some mistakes? When God starts a person off in life, He gives him parents to work with!

Parents should be careful to teach that there are others that we should fear and respect and honor (see Proverbs 24:21) such as:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Correction By Parents**

Why does a father correct (spank, discipline) his son (Proverbs 3:12)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Firm loving discipline must be practiced in the home. What is the difference between the godly discipline of children and the ungodly abuse of children (child abuse)?

Why does "sparing the rod" show that a parent hates the child (Proverbs 13:24)? A son should be chastened (spanked) from his earliest days "while there is \_\_\_\_\_" (Proverbs 19:18). A late start in child-discipline might prove to be *too late*. When a tree is just a sapling you can guide its growth and make it go in the direction you want (by using ropes, etc.). This cannot be done to an older tree. It is too late!

A well disciplined child is a **D** \_\_\_\_\_ to the **S** \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 29:17). Parents need to be concerned with a child's long range welfare and happiness, not his short range welfare and happiness. A parent only concerned about the child's short range happiness would say, "I hate to cause my child pain and tears and such unhappiness. I'll have to find some other method instead of spanking!" The parent who is concerned about the long range welfare of the child says, "I hate to allow my child to go in the wrong direction. A little pain and a few tears now is really worth it because it will save much grief and agony and sorrow for my child later!" Consider Proverbs 23:13-14. Is there something much worse than the rod? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you want a doctor who is concerned about your short range happiness or your long range happiness? Suppose you had a deadly, spreading cancer that must be removed right away. Would you want the doctor to say, "Oh, I could never cut into this person. And besides, operations are not very nice things to go through." The doctor who spares the knife hates the patient (compare Proverbs 13:24)!

The teacher who spares the homework hates the student! The coach who spares the painful exercise drills hates the athletes!

The duty of parents is to **T** \_\_\_\_\_ their children (Proverbs 22:6). How have you been *trained*? What kind of spiritual training have you been given? What are you doing with the training you have been given?

### *The Blessing To Parents*

Read Proverbs 17:25 carefully. What would a *wise* son be to his father? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ What would a *wise* son be to his mother? \_\_\_\_\_

From what two sources can trouble come upon a father according to Proverbs 19:13? From his **S** \_\_\_\_\_ and from his **W** \_\_\_\_\_ ("continual dripping"---think of the Chinese water torture: drop... drop.. .drop. . .nag. . .nag. . .etc.)

How can a child bring gladness to his/her father's heart (Proverbs 15:20)? \_\_\_\_\_ How can a child make the heart of (godly) parents rejoice (Proverbs 23:15; 23:24-25)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ It is a wonderful thing when parents can be truly *proud* of their children. Sadly, this is often not the case. How can a young person bring shame to his parents (Proverbs 28:7; 29:15)? \_\_\_\_\_

In Proverbs 17:6 we learn that "the \_\_\_\_\_ of children are their \_\_\_\_\_." (GLORY involves the WEIGHT, WEALTH and WORTH of a person). The same is true for the mother. The value of a godly mother is very high. She is a rare gem (Proverbs 31:10). What do her children do (Proverbs 31:28)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best gift a child can give to his/her parents (see Proverbs 10:1; 15:20; 28:15,24-25)?

- a. a two week vacation to Disney World
- b. a new car
- c. \$10,000
- d. himself/herself (present them with a wise son or daughter)



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