

## PROVERBS ON FAMILY LIFE

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*Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version.*

### **The Wise Son & the Foolish Child**

- 10:1 — A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is a sorrow to his mother.
- 13:1 — A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- 15:5 — A fool despises his father's instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent.
- 15:20 — A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother.
- 17:25 — A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.
- 19:26 — He who does violence to his father and chases away his mother is a son who brings shame and reproach.
- 23:22-25 — Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy truth, and do not sell it; but wisdom, instruction, and understanding. The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.
- 27:11 — Be wise, my son, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him who reproaches me.
- 28:7 — The one who keeps the law is a son with understanding, but a companion of gluttons shames his father.
- 28:24 — Whoever robs his father or his mother and says, "That is no transgression," is a companion to a man who destroys.
- 29:3 — He who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.
- 30:11-14 — There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers. There are those who are clean in their own eyes but are not washed of their filth. There are those—how lofty are their eyes, how high their eyelids lift! There are those whose teeth are swords, whose fangs are knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, the needy from among mankind.

*Warnings for children who despise their parents — See Leviticus 20:9.*

- 20:20 — If one curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in utter darkness.
- 30:17 — The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures.

### **Raising Children**

- 13:24 — Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.
- 14:26 — In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.
- 19:18 — Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not set your heart on putting him to death.
- 20:7 — The righteous who walks in his integrity—blessed are his children after him!
- 20:11 — Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.
- 22:6 — Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
- 22:15 — Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.
- 23:13-14 — Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.
- 29:15 — The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.
- 29:17 — Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.

## **Grandparents & Grandchildren**

13:22 — A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

17:6 — Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers (*or "parents"*).

## **Marriage**

12:4 — An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rotteness in his bones.

18:22 — He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.

19:13 — A foolish son is ruin to his father, and a wife's quarreling is a continual dripping of rain.

19:14 — House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.

21:9 — It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.

21:19 — It is better to live in a desert land than with a quarrelsome and fretful woman.

25:24 — It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.

27:15-16 — A continual dripping on a rainy day and a quarrelsome wife are alike; to restrain her is to restrain the wind or to grasp oil in one's right hand.

30:21-23 — Under three things the earth trembles; under four it cannot bear up: a slave when he becomes king, and a fool when he is filled with food; an unloved woman when she gets a husband, and a maidservant when she displaces her mistress.

## **Quality of Life in the Home**

15:17 — Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

17:1 — Better is a dry morsel with quiet than a house full of feasting with strife.

## **Being There for Each Other—or Not**

17:17 — A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18:19 — A brother offended is more unyielding than a strong city, and quarreling is like the bars of a castle.

19:7 — All a poor man's brothers hate him; how much more do his friends go far from him! He pursues them with words, but does not have them. (*NIV: "Though the poor pursue them with pleading, they are nowhere to be found."*)

27:8 — Like a bird that strays from its nest is a man who strays from his home.

27:10 — Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.

## **The Excellent Wife**

31:10-31

- What are some things she does?
- Can anyone really live up to the example of this super-woman?
- How do her children and her husband respond to her good deeds?
- Verse 30 — What does fearing the Lord have to do with the way this woman conducts her life?