

What Should a Father Teach His Children? – Part 2 (Proverbs)

1. **Fear the Lord** (*starting here; humbling yourself; trusting God; hating sin*)
2. **Pursue True Wisdom** (*know wisdom's source & value; focus on it*)
3. **Honor Your Parents** (*listen to them; learn from them*)
4. **Choose Good Companions** (*avoid bad companions; find good ones*)
5. **Seek Moral Purity** (*protect mind; know sin's pull & cost; guard steps*)
6. **Practice Thoughtful _____**

a. **To avoid _____**

2:3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *And* lift up your voice for understanding,

2:10-17 When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, ¹¹ Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, ¹² To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things, ¹³ From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴ Who rejoice in doing evil, *And* delight in the perversity of the wicked; ¹⁵ Whose ways *are* crooked, And *who are* devious in their paths; ¹⁶ To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress *who* flatters with her words, ¹⁷ Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God.

5:1-4 My son, pay attention to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding, ² That you may preserve discretion, And your lips may keep knowledge. ³ For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth *is* smoother than oil; ⁴ But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword.

28:7 Whoever keeps the law *is* a discerning son, But a companion of gluttons shames his father.

b. **To make good _____**

3:21-23 My son, let them not depart from your eyes-- Keep sound wisdom and discretion; ²² So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck. ²³ Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble.

15:21 Folly *is* joy *to him who is* destitute of discernment, But a man of understanding walks uprightly.

19:11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory *is* to overlook a transgression.

22:3 A prudent *man* foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished.

c. **To prepare for the _____**

6:6-8 Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, ⁷ Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, ⁸ Provides her supplies in the summer, *And* gathers her food in the harvest.

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7. _____ Yourself _____

a. **Use _____ wisely**

19:15 Laziness casts *one* into a deep sleep, And an idle person will suffer hunger.

24:30-34 I went by the field of the lazy *man*, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; ³¹ And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down. ³² When I saw *it*, I considered *it* well; I looked on *it and* received instruction: ³³ A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest; ³⁴ So shall your poverty come *like* a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

26:14 As a door turns on its hinges, So *does* the lazy *man* on his bed.

b. **Work _____**

13:4 The soul of a lazy *man* desires, and *has* nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

18:9 He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

20:4 The lazy *man* will not plow because of winter; He will beg during harvest and *have* nothing.

8. Find a _____

a. **Become a _____ spouse**

24:27 Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.

Gen 2:15-18 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." ¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." [Pr 31]

b. **Look for the _____ spouse**

12:4 An excellent wife *is* the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame *is* like rotteness in his bones.

19:14 Houses and riches *are* an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

31:10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth *is* far above rubies.

c. _____ **your spouse**

5:18 Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth.

Eccl 9:9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that *is* your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.