

### What Should a Father Teach His Children? – Part 3 (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 Discernment** (*to avoid temptation, make good decisions, prepare for the future*)
7. **Apply Yourself Diligently** (*use time wisely, work hard*)
8. **Find a Godly Spouse**

#### a. ***Become a good 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. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> "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." <sup>18</sup> 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 right 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. ***Enjoy 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.

### 9. **Use Words Wisely**

#### a. ***Know the Power of Talk***

10:21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.

12:13 The wicked is ensnared by the transgression of *his* lips, But the righteous will come through trouble.

16:24 Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

18:20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth, *From* the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

18:21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

21:23 Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.

25:15 By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.