
What Should a Father Teach His Children? – Part 5 (Proverbs)

1. Fear the Lord
2. Pursue True Wisdom
3. Honor Your Parents
4. Choose Good Companions
5. Seek Moral Purity
6. Practice Thoughtful Discernment
7. Apply Yourself Diligently
8. Find a Godly Spouse

9. Use Words Wisely

- a. **Know the Power of Talk** – 10:21 The lips of the righteous feed many...
- b. **Know When to Talk** – 10:19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips *is* wise.
- c. **Know How to talk**
 - Speak Truthfully – 12:22 Lying lips *are* an abomination to the LORD...
 - Speak Righteously – 16:13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings...
 - Speak Wisely – 10:31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom...
 - Speak Carefully – 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath...a harsh word stirs up anger.
 - Speak Helpfully – 12:18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise *promotes* health.

10. Manage Money Well

a. **Put God first by giving to Him first**

3:9-10 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

b. **Understand the Proper Path to Gain Money**

3:13-16 Happy *is* the man *who* finds wisdom, And the man *who* gains understanding; ¹⁴ For her proceeds *are* better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. ¹⁵ She *is* more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. ¹⁶ Length of days *is* in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor.

8:18 Riches and honor *are* with me, Enduring riches and righteousness.

10:22 The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

13:11 Wealth *gained* by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.

14:24 The crown of the wise is their riches, *But* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.

22:4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *Are* riches and honor and life.

24:4 By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches.

c. **Put Money in Its Proper Place**

11:4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.

11:28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage.

22:1 A *good* name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

15:16-17 Better *is* a little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure with trouble. Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, Than a fatted calf with hatred.

23:5 Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For *riches* certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle *toward* heaven.

d. **Share with Others in Need**

22:9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.

28:27 He who gives to the poor will not lack, But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.

e. **Be Generous**

11:24-25 There is *one* who scatters, yet increases more; And there is *one* who withholds more than is right, But it *leads* to poverty. ²⁵ The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.

13:7 There is one who makes himself rich, yet *has* nothing; *And* one who makes himself poor, yet *has* great riches.

f. **Avoid Making Money Dishonestly or Oppressively**

10:22 The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

14:31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.

16:8 Better is a little with righteousness, Than vast revenues without justice.

21:6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue Is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death.

22:16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches, And he who gives to the rich, will surely come to poverty.

28:8 One who increases his possessions by usury and extortion Gathers it for him who will pity the poor.

g. **Care for what you have**

27:23-27 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, *And* attend to your herds; ²⁴ For riches *are* not forever, Nor does a crown *endure* to all generations. ²⁵ *When* the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself, And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in, ²⁶ The lambs *will provide* your clothing, And the goats the price of a field; ²⁷ *You shall have* enough goats' milk for your food, For the food of your household, And the nourishment of your maidservants.

h. **Use what you have wisely**

12:27 The lazy *man* does not roast what he took in hunting, But diligence *is* man's precious possession.

21:17 He who loves pleasure *will be* a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.