

Introduction

- I. We have in this book the wisdom of Jesus Christ for parenting.
- II. In the text we have necessary instruction from a father to his son about loving the neighbor.

**Proverbs for Parenting
(13) Teaching Benevolence**

I. Helping the Needy

- A. Solomon instructs his son to help those who have a need.
 - 1. The text identifies those who we are called to help - the needy neighbor.
 - 2. The idea of the text is that there is someone in need and we are able to help.
 - 3. We are called to do good of helping in their time of need.
- B. We learn from the text that it is vital that we teach our children to help others who are in need.

II. Serving the Lord

- A. The truth (theology) behind this instruction is God is good to those who are in need.
- B. When help the neighbor we are serving Jesus Christ.

III. Having the Ability

- A. This ability is not found in ourselves, but in God.
- B. Because this is true, we must pray that God would work this self-sacrifice and benevolence in us and our children.