

Topics in Proverbs

I. Skills in Godly Child-Training - Pt 5

- A. God's Overall Intention for the Family
- B. The Stakes in Child-Training
- C. Terrible Miseries for a Foolish Child
- D. Application of Godly Parental Wisdom
- E. The Rod - Pr 29:15
- F. The Reproof
- G. Final Warning - Pr 22:6

- 1. Clung to as a precious promise - Line B happens if you do Line A
- 2. It is actually a threat, a warning

- a. Solomon has warned through out the book where our natural tendency would take every one of us.

- i. foolishness is natural to a child interwoven in the heart - 22:15

- ii. Left to himself, he will

- shame his mother - 29:15

- trust his own heart which will lead him away from wisdom and toward folly - 28:26

- hang with the wrong crowd 1:10ff -influenced to greater folly 13:20

- b. Solomon has also told us there are only two ways

- i. The Way that seems right unto men

- leads to death and destruction - 14:12; 16:25; 18:17

- the fool's chosen way, a child left to himself will choose this way and eat it's fruit - 1:31; 14:14

- it is the way that is "according to his way" - 12:15

- in his universe, everything he wants seems pure and right - 16:25

- ii. If the parent runs a child-centered home;

- the child calls the shots

- everything is shaped to the child's whims

- doesn't cross the child's will

- then, the foolish, straying, rebellious heart will be cement ed toward self and foolishness and away from the need of the Gospel and the Savior

- maturity does not deliver from this path, it only hardens one in it.

- there is no natural progression from foolishness to God's way

- iii. God's Way - The Fear of the Lord

- there is no wisdom other than that which is based on repentant, submissive faith - 1:7; 9:10

- the counter to a child following his own heart is the fear of the Lord

- why Solomon calls his son not to be wise in his own eyes, trust in God - 3:5-7

- urges them to walk in God's ways - 2:20; 3:6,17; 4:11,18; 6:6,23; 8:20,32; 9:6; 10:17,29; 11:5,20; 12:28; 15:19,24

vi. The Child's Way - dooms the child to

- live according to his sinful bent

- to the God's judgment barring a miracle

3. The Best Gift that a Parent Can Give to Their Children

a. A Normal Desire to Leave Something for One's Children

i. the material legacy - Pr 13:22; 19:14

ii. Spoken of but only a little

iii. Shows the Need to Return to the priorities of God - 1:7; 9:10; 31:30

b. The Legacy of God Fearing Parents

i. Many verses in Proverbs point to the blessedness of children of righteousness - Pr 3:33; 11:21; 12:3,7,12; 13:22; 14:1,11,26; 15:6,25; 17:6; 19:14; 20:7; 24:3

ii. 3 truths revealed - 20:7

- 1 the loving parent is a righteous person

-not a "nice" guy

-not "does his best"

-description of Zacharias and Elizabeth - Lk 1:6 - walking blamelessly in the commandments of the Lord

-Can your children see your desire to know the Lord?

-Can your children see you work through problems through study of the Word of God?

-Have your children seen repentance practices as you have been convicted?

-Is Bible study part of normal family activities?

-Are family prayers reflective of God's word or just repetition?

-Does your church stress more than a profession of faith, the practice of teaching the word of God?

- 2 the righteous person walks in integrity

-*tom* - completeness; prosperity; (morally) innocence, full, integrity, perfect(-ion), upright(-ly, -ness).

- children are the greatest spotters of hypocrisy

-parents that do not walk in integrity also leave a legacy - 11:29; 14:1,11; 15:25,27; 17:13

- 3 children of the righteous parent that walks in his integrity will be blessed after him

-they will have a good example - better than Youtube

-may have material blessings since the godly man works hard

- 10:4; 13:22; 14:23

-they will have a legacy of wisdom to live by and pass to their children

c. The Legacy of Godly Parental Teaching

i. Who is responsible to teach your children?

- the Pastor, SS teacher,

- Parents are the primary instructors of children - 1:8,10,15; 2:1; 3:1; 4:1,3,10,20; 5:1,7-8,20; 6:1,3,20; 7:1,24;13:1; 23:19,26; 27:11; 29:17 - just to get started/partial list

- a study of what Solomon writes to “My Son” gives an absolutely comprehensive instruction manual in the details of life - choosing friends, picking a mate, work, politics, religion, sexuality, finances, child-rearing, etc. What his father taught him - 4:1-4

ii. If the Parents do not, the World, the Flesh, and the Devil will fill in what is lacking in the Parent’s teaching

- Our nation is suffering from lazy Christianity

- Our Churches are suffering from willful Biblical ignorance

- If children see hypocrisy in their parent’s Christian profession, they will look to other sources for guidance and purpose. - Mt 5:13; 2 Ti 3:5