

Wisdom about parenting and family life

1. Devotion: be a parent with a heavenly Father

1:7-8, 3:11-12, 13-15

2. Dedication: be a parent with a wise goal

22:6, 1:8, 10:1, 17:6, 29:17, 3:7, 23:26

3. Discipline: be a parent who loves enough to correct and punish

3:11-12, 13:24, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15.

4. Difficulties: be a parent who is cross-centred when things go wrong

19:11, 28:13

Proverbs on Parenting:

- 1:7-8 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Listen, my son, to your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.
- 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.
- 3:13-18 Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.
- 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.
- 13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.
- 17:6 Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.
- 19:11 A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.
- 19:18 Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death.
- 22:6 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
- 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far away.
- 23:13,14 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish them with the rod, they will not die. Punish them with the rod and save them from death.
- 23:26 My son, give me your heart and let your eyes delight in my ways,
- 28:13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
- 29:15 A rod and a reprimand impart wisdom, but a child left undisciplined disgraces its mother.
- 29:17 Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.

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Recommended Reading:

- Parenting Children – Mark and Lindsay Melhuish
- Teenagers – Ann Benton