

Survey of Proverbs

Parents and Children

4. Read the passages listed. What sense is given of the bearing the proper rearing of children will have on one's life.

- Difference between happiness and grief (10:1; 15:20; 17:21, 25)
- Foolish child described as “ruin” or “destruction” to parents (19:13)
- Failure leads to shame, humiliation, and disgrace (19:26; 28:7)
- Success fills heart with pride and exultation (23:15-16; 24-25)
- A financial burden (29:3)
- In order to avoid an adult who is disrespectful, self-righteous, arrogant, oppressive, ungrateful and greedy (30:11-17)

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5. Given the multiple times the idea is repeated, what is one of our most important duties as we fulfill the role of parent? (13:24; 15:5; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15, 17)

- Discipline, discipline, discipline!
- Includes more than just corporal
- Responsibility on both sides
- “While there is hope”

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6. What should be our attitude toward wisdom and the counsel of those more experienced?

- Something to be pursued and desired. (2:1-5)
- To be cherished, prized, and embraced. (4:8)
- Cling to it. Guard and protect it. (4:13)
- Kept always in sight and mind. (4:21)
- Listen to and accept the advice of experienced. Acquire wisdom and do not give it up. (23:22-23)

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7. What is too often the attitude of the foolish towards instruction and correction?

- The fool despises them (1:7)
- The fool hates knowledge, discipline, and reproof (1:22; 5:12)
- The fool (scoffer/stupid) ignores counsel and reproof (1:25; 5:13; 12:1)

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8. What will be their end?

- Wisdom when refused (1:24-33)
 - Laugh at calamity
 - Mock when terror or dread comes
 - “When”, not “if”, trouble comes (v. 27)
 - It will be too late (v. 28)
 - Reap what you sow (v. 31)

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- Destruction, poverty, and shame (13:13, 18)
- A picture of disgrace (30:17)

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Wisdom

9a.

1:33; 3:17a

Safety
Security
Pleasantness

9b.

3:17b

Peace

Foolishness

1:29-32

Death
Destruction

18:6-7

Violence
Ruin

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Wisdom

9c. 2:11; 4:6; 6:22

Preservation
Guidance

9d. 3:4; 8:35; 11:20

Favor
(With God and man)

Foolishness

12:15; 14:12; 16:25

Wrong path

3:32-33; 11:20; 15:8-10

An abomination

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Wisdom

9e. 1:9; 3:35; 4:8-9

Grace

Glory

Honor

9f. 4:16-19

Light for our path

Foolishness

3:35; 6:33; 13:18

Shame

Disgrace

Dishonor

4:16-19

Darkness
Stumbling

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Things God hates

10. List the things God hates or are an abomination to Him.

a. 6:16-19

- Haughty eyes (a proud look)
- Lying tongue
- Hands guilty of innocent blood
- Heart that devises wicked plans
- Feet swift to evil
- False witness
- One sowing discord among brothers

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b. 11:1; 20:10, 23

- Dishonest scales/uneven weights

c. 17:15

- Justifying wickedness/condemning good

d. 15:8; 21:27; 28:9

- Sacrifice or prayer of the wicked

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e. 8:13

- Pride, arrogance, the evil way, and a perverse mouth

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With whom do we spend our time?

11. List those we will be led to avoid if we heed the Godly wisdom offered in the book.

- Sinners plotting theft and violence(1:10-19)
- Those uttering perverse speech, walking in crooked paths of darkness, rejoicing in evil (2:12-15)
- Presence of a fool and those devising evil (14:7, 16, 22)
- One given to anger (22:24-25)
- Drunkards and gluttons (23:19-21)

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12. Conversely, what will be the result to those who choose good companions?

- Wisdom (13:20)
- Knowledge (14:18)
- Less chance of strife and contention (15:18)
- Influenced for good (27:5-6, 12, 17)

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Laziness

13. List the characteristics of the lazy man?

- An excess of sleep (6:9-10; 19:15)
- Akin to one who destroys (18:9)
- All talk, no action (14:23)
- Excuses/lack of motivation (12:27; 26:13-15)
- Surrounded by work left undone (24:30-34)

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14. What can one expect as a result of laziness?

- Poverty/lack of necessities (6:11; 20:13; 24:34)
- Disdain of employers (10:26)
- Want (13:4; 21:25-26)
- A need to beg at harvest (20:4)