

PROVERBS: LESSON 11

PARENTS AND CHILDREN

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INTRODUCTION:

In this lesson we observe 29 proverbs from chapters 10-29 which offer wisdom for both parents and children in the home.

I. A WISE OR FOOLISH SON AFFECTS THE HAPPINESS OR SORROW OF THE PARENTS (10:1, 10:5, 13:1, 15:5, 17:21, 17:25, 19:13, 19:27, 23:15-16, 23:24-25, 27:11, 28:7).

II. CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINE AND PROPER INSTRUCTION ARE PART OF LOVE FOR A CHILD (13:24, 19:18, 22:6, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15, 29:17).

III. THE SHAME OF MISTREATING PARENTS (19:26, 20:20, 23:22, 28:24).

IV. THE JOYFUL PRIDE IN A LONG LINE OF OFFSPRING AND ANCESTORS (17:6, 20:7).

QUESTIONS:

1. If a wise man maketh a glad father(10:1), what four wise things can a son do to make his father glad?
2. What causes a mother grief?
What kind of grief?
3. In Prov.19:13, what do the contentions of a wife have in common with a foolish son?
4. How does a wise son help his father when the father is reproached by others?
5. "He that _____ his rod _____ his son."
6. In Prov. 13:24, what does the rod represent?

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7. What does it mean to "chasteneth him betimes" (ASV) ?
8. What desire should you have when you discipline your children?

What desire should you not have?
9. Proverbs 22:6 is best applied as:
 - (a) an absolute standard by which we determine whether or not parents have properly obeyed God.
 - (b) a general rule that emphasizes the lasting effects of instruction and discipline upon a child.
 - (c) an injunction emphasizing the importance of first considering the abilities and temperament of a child when preparing him for his vocation in life.
10. Is spanking a child necessarily harmful to the child? Explain.
11. What is another way of saying "a child left to himself"?
12. What is one characteristic of the delight that a wise son gives to his father?
13. What will happen to one who curseth his father or mother?
14. What is just as important as hearkening to one's father?
15. In Prov.28:24, how is one robbing his parents?
16. Who is a crown to old men?
17. Do sustained family relationships have anything to do with our happiness? Explain.

18. What can we do to help insure that our children will be blessed?