

The Wisdom of Proverbs for my Children

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Chapter 1

Introduction

At some point, I'd like to add an introduction.

Chapter 2

The Woman Named *Wisdom* Calls Out

2.1 Proverbs 8:1-5

Doesn't wisdom cry out?
Doesn't understanding raise her voice?
On the top of high places by the way,
where the paths meet, she stands.
Beside the gates, at the entry of the city,
at the entry doors, she cries aloud:
"I call to you men!
I send my voice to the sons of mankind.
You simple, understand prudence!
You fools, be of an understanding heart!"

Questions to consider

- What is Wisdom doing? Why?
- Where is she calling out?
- Who is she calling out to?
- What does *naïve* mean?
 - (of a person or action) showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
- What does *prudence* mean?
 - acting with or showing care and thought for the future

This year Daddy wants to study the Proverbs together. Why? Because I want you children to be wise and not foolish. A wise man or woman will be protected and will be a blessing to everyone around him. But a foolish man will destroy himself and the people closest to him.

God has given us this book of Proverbs to teach us how to be wise. So we should read it and study it carefully.

Monday, August 17, 2020

2.2 *Proverbs 8:6-11*

Hear, for I will speak excellent things.
 The opening of my lips is for right things.
 For my mouth speaks truth.
 Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness.
 There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
 They are all plain to him who understands,
 right to those who find knowledge.
 Receive my instruction rather than silver,
 knowledge rather than choice gold.
 For wisdom is better than rubies.
 All the things that may be desired can't be compared to it.

Questions to consider

- Why do we have to be told to listen? Do we like to hear the truth?
- Can you be good without telling the truth? Can you tell the truth and be wicked?
- What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge?
- How valuable is the truth? How valuable is wisdom?

We must be exhorted to listen because we don't want to. We like to tell ourselves lies, and we often like to listen to other people tell us lies. Some people want to separate goodness from truthfulness. They say you can speak lies but still be good. That's a lie. God is Righteous **and** True. There is no separating those two characteristics with Him.

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

2.3 Proverbs 8:12-13

12 “I, wisdom, have made prudence my dwelling.

Find out knowledge and discretion.

13 The fear of Yahweh is to hate evil.

I hate pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth.

Questions to consider

- What does *prudence* mean, again?
 - Remember that *prudence* means, *acting with or showing care and thought for the future*.
- We had a conversation yesterday about the importance of delayed gratification. What does delayed gratification have to do with prudence?
- What does it mean for wisdom to have a home in “prudence?”
- What does *discretion* mean? Why is it important?
 - *Discretion* means acting or speaking in a way that avoids causing offense or revealing private information.
- What things do you hate?
- Do you naturally hate evil? Or do you have to learn to hate evil?
- What is the fear of the Lord/Yahweh? Why does hating evil show that you fear the Lord?
- What does God hate?

To learn wisdom, we must learn all three things: how to think, how to talk, and how to act. We must have our emotions trained *as well as* our minds. There is no separating the two of them, no matter how hard we might try.

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

2.4 Proverbs 8:15-21

14 Counsel and sound knowledge are mine.

I have understanding and power.

15 By me kings reign,
and princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule,
nobles, and all the righteous rulers of the earth.

17 I love those who love me.

Those who seek me diligently will find me.

18 With me are riches, honor,
enduring wealth, and prosperity.

19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold,
my yield than choice silver.

20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the middle of the paths of justice,

21 that I may give wealth to those who love me.
I fill their treasuries.