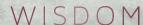
## WISDOM

### Wisdom and Family

Proverbs



- I. Three things a marriage needs.
  II. Three things children need.
  III. Three ways to honor your parents.
- IV. Three ways Jesus sets our hearts free.

Covenant. Friendship. Romance.

### Covenant.

2:16-17. So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words,

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Biblical Marriage- Covenant.

A declaration of present and future love.

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Friendship:

Two people on a common journey.

### Covenant + Friendship.

Ephesians 5:25-27. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

### Romance.

5:18-19. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, <sup>19</sup> a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.;

### Romance:

- -The overflow of the covenant.
- -The end not the beginning.

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Instruction.
Discipline.
Delight.

### II. Three things children need. Instruction.

- 4:10-11. Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.
- I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble.
- 13 Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.

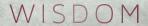
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# The essence of parenting is to train up in wisdom.

### II. Three things children need. Instruction.

22:6. Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Children need instruction- a path.



### II. Three things children need. Instruction.

23:26. My son give me your heart, and let your eyes delight in my ways.

- Instruction must come from the your heart and guide to God's heart.
- Requires time, presence, word, touch. listening- a relationship.

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### Discipline.

22:15. Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

- Remove folly- Help child see their own sin and consequences.
- Authority: not anger or passivity.

### Discipline.

3:11-12. My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof,

<sup>12</sup> for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Motivation: Love and a changed heart.

### Never discipline without instruction.

- Relationship reassurance- the same one who disciplines should instruct.
- Grace and forgiveness.
- Listening and understanding.
- Creating a new path.

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Matthew 3:17. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." (NLT)

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# III. Three ways to honor your parents. Listen to them.

23:22. Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

# III. Three ways to honor your parents. Let them see their wisdom in you.

23:24-25<sup>. 24</sup> The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

<sup>25</sup> Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.

# III. Three ways to honor your parents. Forgive them.

20:20. If one curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in utter darkness.

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Jesus is our ultimate spouse and he reconciles us to our ultimate father.

Jesus frees us from the idolatry of family.

Jesus frees us from the idolatry of family.

- -(Co)dependence.
- -Independence.
- -Interdependence.

Jesus brings us into our eternal family.

### Is your heart free?