

# **Teaching Children to Walk in Wisdom**

**Proverbs 2:1-8**

# **Three Observations about Children (and all of us):**

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**Proverbs 22:15**

**Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.**

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- **Children are born self-centered**

## **Mark 12:31**

**And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.**

## **Three Observations about Children (and all of us):**

- **Children are born foolish**
- **Children are born self-centered**
- **Children are born with a knowledge of God**
  - **“general revelation”**

## **Romans 1:20**

**For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

# **It's the Heart that Really Matters**

- **The wisdom found in Proverbs applies to believers and unbelievers.**
- **The unbeliever's motivation is ultimately rooted in bringing honor and glory to himself.**
- **The believer's motivation is ultimately to bring honor and glory to God.**



# **Three General Observations about The Wise**

- **The wise prosper and have long life.**

## **Proverbs 3:1-2**

**1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:**

**2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.**

# **Three General Observations about The Wise**

- **The wise prosper and have long life.**
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**Proverbs 3:35**

**The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.**

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- **The wise have the protection of God.**

## **Proverbs 2:6-8**

**6 For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.**

**7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.**

**8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.**

## **Proverbs 3:31-32**

**31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.**

**32 For the froward is abomination to the Lord: but his secret is with the righteous.**

# **Is My Child Growing in Wisdom or Lingerin in Foolishness?**

- **Is your child hotheaded and reckless?**



## **Proverbs 14:16**

**A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.**

# **Is My Child Growing in Wisdom or Lingerin in Foolishness?**

- **Is your child hotheaded and reckless?**
- **Is your child quickly and easily angered?**

**Proverbs 29:11**

**A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man  
keepeth it in till afterwards.**

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- **Is your child quickly and easily angered?**
- **Is your child quick to quarrel?**

**Proverbs 20:3**

**It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.**

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## **Proverbs 15:5**

**A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.**

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## **Proverbs 18:2**

**A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.**

## **Proverbs 26:12**

**Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.**

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- Does your child listen when you are teaching or correcting him?**

**Proverbs 18:13**

**He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.**

# **How Do We Teach Wisdom to Our Children?**

- **Wisdom is “Caught” and “Taught”**
- **Pursue wisdom yourself**
- **“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.**
- **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”**
- **Pray for wisdom, study God’s word, read books, listen to instruction...**

## **Walk with the wise**

- **“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”  
Proverbs 13:20**
- **1 Thessalonians 5:11 indicates we are to encourage one another, comfort, build up one another.**

# **Trust God's Word, not your own understanding**

- **“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:” - 2 Peter 1:3**
- **Pray for God to give your children wisdom.**

**Don't be content with “better than average” kids**

- **“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” – 3 John 4**

**Train your children in wisdom intentionally**

# **Grace For This Journey**

- **Remember – not even Jesus had perfect parents.**
- **Remember – God loves our children even more than we do.**
- **Remember – God’s grace is sufficient. Your children are in His hands.**