

INTRODUCTION

- * In our study of the book of Proverbs, we have been considering some Pearls of Wisdom.
- * Over the past four weeks, we have been considering verses regarding "The Righteous." Though the principles generally apply to all individuals, the primary target was Solomon's son - Rehoboam. As men, we need to lead the way in the standards of righteousness.
- * This is most prevalent in our homes. It seems that it is in our homes, when we (men, women, husbands, wives, dads, moms, sons, and daughters) let down our guard the most.
- * Today, we want to begin considering the Proverbs which specifically relate to the family. We will start by considering the verses that apply to the family, or home, in general ... and then move to those which talk to the marital relationship.
- * Lord willing, next week, we will consider those verses which are concerning the parental relationship.

INSTRUCTION

I. IN GENERAL

- * Proverbs 3:33
- * Proverbs 20:7
- * Proverbs 15:17
- * Proverbs 17:1

II. CONCERNING THE MARITAL RELATIONSHIP

A. The I _____

- * Proverbs 18:22
- * Proverbs 19:14

B. The I _____

1. TO THE H _____

- * Proverbs 5:15-23
- * Proverbs 16:31
- * Proverbs 20:29

2. TO THE W _____

a. Positively

- * Proverbs 12:4
- * Proverbs 14:1
- * Proverbs 11:16
- * Proverbs 31:10-31

b. Negatively

- * Proverbs 11:22
- * Proverbs 19:13; 21:9; 21:19; 25:24; 27:15-16

III. CONCERNING THE PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP

INTROSPECTION

- * IF A "REALITY-CHECK" WAS PERFORMED ON YOUR HOUSE, HOW WOULD YOU FAIR?
- * IN WHAT AREAS DO YOU - SPECIFICALLY - NEED TO CHANGE?
- * IF YOU ARE MARRIED ... IF YOU WERE TO CHANGE ROLES, WHAT YOU WANT TO CHANGE IN YOU?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Read Ephesians 5:22-33. How does the instruction of these Proverbs tie together with the instruction of Paul?

In General ...

Proverbs 3:33 The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the just (*of the righteous*).

Proverbs 20:7 The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 15:17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a fatted calf with hatred.

Proverbs 17:1 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife.

Regarding the Marital Relationship

The I _____

Proverbs 18:22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD.

Proverbs 19:14 Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

The I _____

To The H _____

Proverbs 5:15-23 ¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern, and running water from your own well. ¹⁶ Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the streets? ¹⁷ Let them be only your own, and not for strangers with you. ¹⁸ Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. ¹⁹ As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and always be enraptured with her love. ²⁰ For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, and be embraced in the arms of a seductress? ²¹ For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and He ponders all his paths. ²² His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sin. ²³ He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Proverbs 16:31 The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness.

Proverbs 20:29 The glory of young men is their strength, and the splendor of old men is their gray head.

To The W _____

Positively

Proverbs 12:4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who causes shame is like rotteness in his bones.

Proverbs 14:1 The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

Proverbs 11:16 A gracious woman retains honor, but ruthless men retain riches.

Proverbs 31:10-31 ¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. ¹¹ The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain. ¹² She does him good and not evil All the days of her life. ¹³ She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands. ¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar. ¹⁵ She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household, and a portion for her maidservants. ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; from her profits she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷ She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms. ¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is good, and her lamp does not go out by night. ¹⁹ She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle. ²⁰ She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹ She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet. ²² She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. ²³ Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies sashes for the merchants. ²⁵ Strength and honor are her clothing; she shall rejoice in time to come. ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. ²⁷ She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ²⁹ "Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all." ³⁰ Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Negatively

Proverbs 11:22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

Proverbs 19:13 A foolish son is the ruin of his father, and the contentions of a wife are a continual dripping.

Proverbs 21:9 Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

Proverbs 21:19 Better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and angry woman.

Proverbs 25:24 It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

Proverbs 27:15-16 ¹⁵ A continual dripping on a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike; ¹⁶ Whoever restrains her restrains the wind, and grasps oil with his right hand.

Regarding the Parental Relationship