

WISDOM

CHEAT SHEETS

This selection from the Book of Proverbs explores the theme of wise earthly families. Notice the pattern for earthly families and the relationship between fathers, mothers, and children. Notice what the wise father, mother and son look like. Proverbs shows what the 5th command looks like lived out, 'Honour your mother and father'. (Note - in Proverbs, wisdom for daughters is assumed in the wisdom for sons, as children honour their parents)

Proverbs 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son (or daughter) brings joy to his father, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

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Wisdom concerning sons (and daughters)

10:5 A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

13:1 He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

15:20 A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not respond to rebukes.

17:2 A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother.

17:25 A prudent servant will rule over a disgraceful son, and will share the inheritance as one of the family.

23:15 Stop listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.

23:19 My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad indeed;

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

23:26 The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.

Wisdom concerning Parents

15:20 A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother.

17:6 Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.

17:21 To have a fool for a child brings grief; there is no joy for the parent of a godless fool.

17:25 A foolish son brings grief to his father and bitterness to the mother who bore him.

19:26 Whoever robs their father and drives out their mother is a child who brings shame and disgrace.

19:27 A foolish son brings grief to his father and bitterness to the mother who bore him.

20:20 If someone curses their father or mother, their lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness.

23:25 May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!

28:24 Whoever robs their father or mother and says, 'It's not wrong,' is partner to one who destroys.

29:15 A rod and a reprimand impart wisdom, but a child left undisciplined disgraces its mother.⁴

29:17 Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.

30:17 'The eye that mocks a father, that scorns an aged mother, will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures.

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Wisdom concerning Fathers

13:1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not respond to rebukes.

19:13 A foolish child is a father's ruin, and a quarrelsome wife is like the constant dripping of a leaky roof.

20:20 If someone curses their father or mother, their lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness.

23:24 The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.

28:7 A discerning son heeds instruction, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father.

29:3 A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.

Families and discipline

13:22 A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.

14:26 Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.

19:13 A foolish child is a father's ruin, and a quarrelsome wife is like the constant dripping of a leaky roof.

19:18 Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death.

20:7 The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them.

20:11 Even small children are known by their actions, so is their conduct really pure and upright?

22:6 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far away.

23:13 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish them with the rod, they will not die.

23:24 The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.

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Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one
Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. **Deuteronomy 6:4–9.**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honour your father and mother'—which is the first commandment with a promise— 'so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.' Fathers do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. **Ephesians 6:1–4.**