

## Summary Page "Wisdom for Moms of All Ages" The transference of wisdom to youth/naive

**Proverbs 1:8** "Listen my son to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching." 1) "Listen my son to your father's instruction..."an instructional speech by Solomon to his son as he goes out into the world." Meant for all parents for responsible instruction in life. 2) "and do not forsake your mother's teaching." The mother is also depicted as a teacher. This instruction on teaching the youth as they encounter the culture, is a warning against sinful people, who draw youth and naïve people into making decisions dishonoring self and God.

**Reading: Proverbs DJB p803-804** What Proverbs says; What It Means; What It Means For You

**Proverbs 29:15** "The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left undisciplined disgraces its mother."

**Proverbs 3:11-12** "Do not despise the LORD's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves; as a father the son he delights in." Through times of testing and affliction, God is teaching the righteous. Discipline primarily involves teaching or training rather than punishment for wrongdoing, that life-threatening , damaging mistakes are not made

**Proverbs 22:6** "Train a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not turn from it" When children from Christian homes go astray, their parents often carry a load of guilt and self-recrimination: What should I have done differently" Where could I have done better? But each person is responsible before God for his or her actions—our adult children included.

**Proverbs 31:27** "She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness." She reaches out with her hands to work, help the poor, and provide for her family.

**1Kings 3:28** "When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice." (**1Kings 31:16-28**)

Solomon solved the dispute by appealing to maternal instincts and human compassion, knowing the real mother would rather give her child to another than watch him die. This proved to the people that wisdom from God was on Solomon; a supernaturally supplied gift.

**Psalms 127:3** "Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him." A gift to us.

**Wisdom for Moms of All Ages Lesson 7 p1 1Kings 3:16-28 See above.**

**Wisdom for Moms of all Ages Lesson 7 p2 Proverbs 4:1-9, Proverbs 29:15 above.**

**V1**"Listen to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding."

**V2** " I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching."

**V4** "Then he taught me, and he said to me, 'Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live.'" Getting wisdom is to understand that no one has it to begin with.

**V5** "Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them." Anyone can acquire wisdom who will pursue it. God provides it for those who believe, ask and pursue.

**V6** "Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you."

**V7** " The beginning of wisdom is this; Get wisdom. Though it costs all you have, get understanding." **V8** "Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you."

**Wisdom for Moms of All Ages Lesson 7p3 1Corinthians2:9, Proverbs 3:1-4 , Galatians 5:22-23**

Memory Verse: Proverbs 1:8 " Listen my son to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching."

What **warning** (information to help us know right from wrong) did God show us? Pr 29:15 "A rod of \_\_\_\_\_ imparts \_\_\_\_\_," Pr. 3:12 "the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ those he \_\_\_\_\_."

What **instructions** (actions we should take) did God give to us? Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not \_\_\_\_\_ from it" Pr.31:27 "She \_\_\_\_\_ over the affairs of her \_\_\_\_\_."

What **benefits** (the results of choosing wisely) did God tell us about? 1 Kings 3:28 "...they saw that he had \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to administer \_\_\_\_\_." Psalm 127:3 "...children a \_\_\_\_\_ from Him."

What are the **consequences** (results) for not choosing God's wisdom? Proverbs 29:15 "...a child left to himself \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_."

### Word Study:

1. Affection: devotion, love, fondness, attachment. She has great affection.
2. Challenge: a call to special effort, difficulty in achieving, a contest Raising children is always a challenge for parents.
3. Disposition: the natural mental/emotional mood, characteristic attitude Her disposition was one of joy and peace in the Lord.
4. Guilt: the feeling of responsibility for behavior or action, real or imagined A mom often feels when things don't go well she is responsible.
5. Individuals: a single person, independent of a group or others Her attitude was very different from her school age culture.
6. Qualities: the character or nature of someone that makes them unique She had qualities of love, patience, a caring attitude and helpfulness.
7. Sacrificial: To sacrifice, give up something of great value for something of greater value. Mom's often have a sacrificial attitude for their families.

I want to begin by saying what I am not. I am not a child psychologist, a trained counselor or therapist. I am a Christian mother and grandmother. I have raised 3 grown daughters and helped to raise 5 stepdaughters from a very young age. Like many of you I'm also a daughter, sister, aunt and friend to others.

Additionally, I have been a professional teacher, school administrator and Associate School Psychologist for the Dallas County Superintendant's Office. I was not perfect in any of these roles that I served in. But I can say I tried to give my best in each one of them. Some days and some situations were more successful than others. Some, not so good! But today we are going to learn how to be God's best in His wisdom as a mom for all season's in life.

We usually think of being a parent as being biological or adopted. But if you do or do not have children, apply the parts of this lesson to women whom you influence in your life. This is spiritual parenting. Hopefully we all have spiritual daughters' in the faith.

Parenting is difficult because children come in many different sizes, shapes, ages and **dispositions**. And no, they don't come with instructions ! Mostly we learn our parenting skills by trial and error. Or, as my mom used to say "by the seat of your pants". But Proverbs gives us a look into godly ways to parent. We get suggestions and real life instructions on how to raise our children. We'll receive information on ways to instruct, discipline and raise faithful children .

Begin by reading a story about the **sacrificial** heart of a mother. 1 Kings 3:16-28

1. How did King Solomon decide who the real mother was?
2. Why did the real mother act as she did?
3. What **qualities** did Solomon see in the child's true mother?

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

Name five people who consider you as a mother figure in their life. What is your relationship to each of these?

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

Nothing can cause more **guilt** than parenting a child. It is a **challenge** for us all! It is impossible without the help of the Lord. It goes much better with His wisdom. Read Proverbs 4:1-9. What did King Solomon tell his son was most important?

v1 Listen to \_\_\_\_\_ pay \_\_\_\_\_ and gain \_\_\_\_\_.

v2 I give you \_\_\_\_\_ so do not \_\_\_\_\_.

v4 Lay hold of my \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

v5 Get \_\_\_\_\_ get \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.

v6 Do not forsake \_\_\_\_\_ and she will \_\_\_\_\_.

v7 Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ ... get \_\_\_\_\_.

v8 If you esteem and embrace wisdom you will be \_\_\_\_\_.

ALL WISDOM COMES FROM THE LORD. He gives us true understanding

Compare this to Proverbs 29:15 "The rod of \_\_\_\_\_ imparts \_\_\_\_\_, but a child left to himself \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_."

Nowhere does Proverbs tell us parenting is easy. It is hard work. In Proverbs 4:1-9 a father is passing wisdom to his son. But he tells the son he got this wisdom from his father when he was a young boy. A commentator named Kidner explains it as bringing three generations together to show how a love of the best things will be given mostly by parents and grandparents through **affection** to the next generation.

We are to give God's wisdom for the best in life to the next generation *in affection*. We are to love our children but we are also to show them a lot of affection. Say to your child over and over "Do you know how much I love you?" Do this over and over. Why? Because when things get difficult in the "terrible two's" and the teen years having built a foundation of love is going to count for a lot! Be real about it!

The more you do it the better you get at doing it. Pray for a good disposition. We can't be happy all the time but pray for a happy heart with a smiley face on it! One that keeps focused on the fact that children are a blessing from the Lord. They are a gift and not a possession. Psalm 127:3-5. The goal of discipline is change behavior

BE REAL in YOUR AFFECTION and COURAGEOUS in YOUR DISCIPLINE

God should be in our normal day to day living of our life. We need to see Him and recognize Him in all things; the sunset and sunrise, a new baby, the joy of sharing. Don't be different in the church parking lot than at home. God is our best encourager, and wants only the best for us. 1 Corinthians 2:9 He is the best thing that could ever happen to us. He is on our team, every day and every hour. When God says "no" it's only because His "yes" is yet to come and is far better than we could imagine! High quality relationships do not happen by chance but by deep effort to teach and learn godly principles. Take time to pray for them today.

Our children need to see our faith, love and appreciation for the Lord. Don't just talk about it, show it to them every day and in every way you can. Proverbs 3:1-4 Children learn what they experience. Share your experiences with them so they will learn to see God in all things. Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the ..... We are raising up individuals and we need to respect them as **individuals**, but not give in to their self-will. Proverbs 3:11-12. And who needs the fruit of the Spirit more than a mom? Galatians 5:22-23 WE ARE to be FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT Proverbs 31:27. "She watches over the affairs of her household.." We are in a battle for our families in both the heavenly and on the earth. We must fight for our children in what is right and best for them. Keep your eyes open to what is happening in your household. Many women think:

- If I don't look at it then I don't have to deal with it. Be courageous.
- Be careful what you tell them about what you may have done before you married. That information can hang them early in their life.
- Kids act like they are not listening, but they are. Watch what you say/do.
- If you have a gut feeling something isn't true or isn't right, deal with it !
- If you have a strong willed child, you must be stronger !
- You have the money, roof over their head, car keys; you have the power.
- When answers aren't enough turn to "because I said so".
- Her teacher says she marches to a different drummer ; fairytale, tailspin,
- Give your child room to mess up—discipline to teach, train, instruct, but never in a time of anger. If need be get a godly counselor for help.
- If they obey God bless them. If they disobey teach them what NO means.



## Wise and Foolish Ways

*Proverbs personifies both wisdom and foolishness as women calling to people.*

<b>Wisdom</b>	<b>Foolishness</b>
Calls everyone (1:20; 8:1-4)	Tempts everyone (9:14, 15)
Rebukes and challenges (1:22-25)	Rejects discipline (5:12)
Is knowledge and fear of God (1:29)	Is ignorance (9:13)
Brings security (1:33)	Brings people low (7:25, 26)
Clarifies what is right in God's eyes (8:5, 6)	Rejects God's commands (6:23, 24)
Brings righteousness (8:6)	Departs from righteousness (5:6)
Is truth and reveals evil (8:7)	Fails God (2:17)
Is more valuable than possessions (8:10, 11)	Takes our honor (5:9)
Leads to success (8:18-21)	Leads to failure and loss (5:10)
Yields happiness (8:32, 34)	Produces temptation that results in bitterness (5:3, 4)
Brings life (8:35; 9:11)	Brings death (2:18)
Feeds our souls (9:1-6)	Is the food of death (9:17)

Please use the table above to compare God's views on Wisdom and Foolishness. Consider writing out the scripture for each (as below) to better show God's heart for these topics.

Wisdom ***Calls everyone*** **Proverbs 8:4** "To you, O, people, I (wisdom) call out; I (wisdom) raise my voice (of wisdom) to all mankind,"

Foolishness ***Tempts everyone*** **Proverbs 9:14,16** "She (foolishness) sits at the door of her house, on a seat at the highest point of the city," **v16** "Let all who are simple (foolish) come to my (foolish) house! To those who have no sense she (foolishness) says,"

Wisdom ***Is truth and reveals evil*** **Proverbs 8:7** "My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips (of truth) detest wickedness.

Foolishness ***Fails God*** **Proverbs 2:17** "who (adulteress woman with seductive words,) has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God."