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Intro: These proverbs directly address sons, wives, husbands, & parents. Daughters can learn a lot from these proverbs as well. These proverbs are about family relationships. As Brother Anthony has been teaching in Sunday School, we want to order our households in accordance with God's Word & Will & Wisdom. The book of Proverbs has much to teach us on the family. **GOSPEL!**

1 Jn. 3:1: Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us, that we should be called children of God; & so we are.

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1. Sons (Children) Need Discipline

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a. Foolish sons ruin their father's life: Prov. 19:13, 26: A foolish son is ruin to his father; ²⁶ He who does violence to his father & chases away his mother is a son who brings shame & reproach.

Eli's Sons: 1 Sam. 2:12, 17, 22, 29-30: Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the LORD . . . ¹⁷ Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the LORD, for the men treated the offering of the LORD with contempt . . . ²² Now Eli was very old, & he kept hearing all that his sons were doing to all Israel, & how they lay with the women who were serving at the entrance to the tent of meeting . . . ²⁹ Why then do you scorn my sacrifices & my offerings that I commanded for my dwelling, & honor your sons above me by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel? ³⁰ Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: "I promised that your house & the house of your father should go in & out before me forever," but now the LORD declares: "Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, & those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed." **[David's Son, Absalom]**

- **Prov. 10:1:** A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is a sorrow to his mother.

- **Prov. 17:21:** He who sires a fool gets himself sorrow, & the father of a fool has no joy.

- **Prov. 17:25:** A foolish son is a grief to his father & bitterness to her who bore him.

b. Discipline can change your son's life: Prov. 19:18: Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not set your heart on putting him to death.

1) Do not set your heart on putting him to death: a. Rebellious children were put to death: **Deut. 21:18-21:** If a man has a stubborn & rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, & though they discipline him, will not listen to them, ¹⁹ then his father & his

mother shall take hold of him & bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives,²⁰ & they shall say to the elders of his city, "This our son is stubborn & rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton & a drunkard."²¹ Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, & all Israel shall hear, & fear.

- **Exod. 21:15, 17:** Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death . . .¹⁷ Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.

b. Parents: don't neglect discipline of your children: Bruce Waltke: a failure to discipline the son is tantamount to participating in killing him . . . Psychologically healthy parents do not consciously desire to kill their children. But if they do not employ the God-given means of verbal reproof to prevent acts of folly & corporal punishment to prevent their repetition, they are in fact unwittingly party to the worst punishment, his death.

c. Children: disobedience to your parents is serious, & it's disobedience to God: Eph. 6:1-4: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.² "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise),³ "that it may go well with you & that you may live long in the land."⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

2) Discipline your son for there is hope: Prov. 13:24: Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

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

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

- **Prov. 23:13-14:** Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with the rod, he will not die. If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.

- **Prov. 29:15:** The rod & reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother

- **Prov. 29:17:** Discipline your son, & he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.

Shepherding A Child's Heart (Ted Tripp): Don't merely focus on behavior but on the heart; Discipline in love, not anger; Share the Gospel; ***Age Of Opportunity (Paul Tripp)***

John MacArthur: If you fail, Father, to teach your son to fear God, the devil will teach him to hate God. If you fail to teach your son to guard his mind, the devil will gladly teach him to have an open mind. If you fail to teach your son to obey his parents, the devil will teach him to rebel & break his parents' heart. If you fail to teach your son to select his companions, the devil will gladly choose them for him. If you fail to teach your son to control his body, the devil will teach him to give it over completely to lust. If you fail to teach your son to enjoy the marriage partner that God has given him, the devil will teach him to destroy the marriage. If you fail to teach your son to watch his words, the devil will fill his mouth with filth. If you fail to teach your son to pursue his work, the devil will make his laziness a tool of hell. If you fail to teach your son to manage his money, the devil will teach him to waste it on riotous living. & if you fail to teach your son to love his neighbor, the devil will gladly teach him to love only himself. We have a great responsibility to this generation & the next as fathers.

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2. Don't Be A Quarrelsome Wife

Prov. 19:13: a wife's quarreling is a continual dripping of rain.

a. A quarrelsome wife: John Kitchen: “quarreling” may be meant the nagging demands of an unhappy & discontent woman. There is always something wrong. The man feels he can never do anything right. Something is always not to her liking. Faced with constant failure, soon the man quits trying to please her at all. This only inflames her discontent & increases her complaints. The result is like “a continual dripping.” Here is pictured a roof full of holes. When rain comes, the home is awash with the incessant dripping of water. What begins as a problem to be fixed soon becomes maddening. There are not enough pots & pans in the house to catch all the dripping (he can never satisfy her demands)! This, all too soon, becomes overwhelming &, eventually, becomes a tortuously unlivable situation for the man. She, no doubt, fails to understand the destruction she wreaks upon her home & marriage. Yet, she ends up driving her husband away, at least emotionally, if not physically.

- **Prov. 21:9:** It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.

- **Prov. 21:19:** It is better to live in a desert land than with a quarrelsome & fretful woman.

- **Prov. 25:24:** It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife

- **Prov. 27:15-16:** A continual dripping on a rainy day & a quarrelsome wife are alike; to restrain her is to restrain the wind or to grasp oil in one's right hand.

Ann & Dave Wilson (*How To Speak Life To Your Husband: When All You Want To Do Is Yell At Him*): When You Want To Change Your Husband: Married 45 years; 10 years in: “I have no loving feelings for you anymore”; Conference talk illustration (Elementary School; High School; Work)

b. Be an encouraging wife: Use your words to build your husband up & encourage him.

Joel & Mary Beeke (*How To Build A Godly Marriage*): Paul says, love is kind & selfless. It seeks the well-being of the spouse in all things. Self-sacrificial kindness is a critical part of marriage. We once read about a couple who had become bitter toward each other. The wife decided to divorce her husband. She hated him so much that she wanted to shock him by serving him divorce papers. Before doing so, however, she decided to be unusually kind to him for one month so he would think that their relationship was improving. Then he would be truly hurt when she served him the divorce papers. By the end of the month, however, the wife noticed a change. But it was in her – not in him! She was beginning to like her husband more. In fact, she was falling in love with him all over again. Her kindness had brought out his kindness, & their relationship was restored. Such is the power of love & kindness.

Joel & Mary Beeke: Practicing Kindness As A Wife (Read from book, page 44)

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3. Material Blessings Are Inherited From Fathers, But A Prudent Wife Is From The LORD

Prov. 19:14: House & wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

a. House & wealth are inherited from fathers: Prov. 13:22: A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

- 2 Cor. 12:14: Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. & I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours but you. For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children. [That is all from the LORD too!]

Charles Bridges: "Every good gift is from the Lord" (Jam. 1:17); only, some in the ordinary course; others more directly from him. Houses & riches, though his gifts, come by descent. They are the inheritance of fathers. The heir is known, & in the course of events he takes possession of his estate. But the prudent wife is wholly unconnected with the man. There has been no previous bond of relation. She is often brought from a distance. "The Lord brought her to the man" by his special Providence, & therefore as his special gift. (Ruth)

b. A prudent wife is from the LORD: It is God who joins people together, & it is God Who gives you a wise wife! Prudent means wise. Who is a wise wife? She knows, believes, & loves Proverbs She fears the LORD; She doesn't nag; She's modest; She's humble; She's loving; She's a P-31:

Prov. 31:10-31: An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, & he will have no lack of gain. ¹² She does him good, & not harm, all the days of her life. ¹³ She seeks wool & flax, & works with willing hands. ¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. ¹⁵ She rises while it is yet night & provides food for her household & portions for her maidens. ¹⁶ She considers a field & buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷ She dresses herself with strength & makes her arms strong. ¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff, & her hands hold the spindle. ²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor & reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹ She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. ²² She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen & purple. ²³ Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments & sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. ²⁵ Strength & dignity are her clothing, & she laughs at the time to come. ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, & the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household & does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children rise up & call her blessed; her husband also, & he praises her: ²⁹ "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." ³⁰ Charm is deceitful, & beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, & let her works praise her in the gates.

Consider Jesus: Prov. 19:13: A foolish son is ruin to his father, & a wife's quarreling is a continual dripping of rain: Jesus was not foolish, but he was ruined by His Father on that cross so that we might be saved! He never quarreled that all our quarreling might be put to death!

- V. 14: House & wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD: Jesus lost everything on that cross, but then He rose up from the dead so that He & we might gain everything! & every good gift (prudent wife) we can receive from God without fear of hell

because of Christ! & use every good gift for His glory!

- V.18: Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not set your heart on putting him to death: Jesus needed no discipline, but the Father did set His heart on putting Christ to death to save you!

- V. 26: He who does violence to his father & chases away his mother is a son who brings shame & reproach: Jesus was the perfectly love Son & loved His mother to the end so that you might be saved!

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Christ Jesus Is God And God's Good Son
He's Prudent – Never Quarreled Or Shun
No Violence Did – Chased Mothers? None!
Cared For Mary When His Life's Done
But He Was Ruined – Dark The Sun
Bore God's Wrath For What You've Done
He Died – His Father Crushed The Son

But Then He Rose – New Life's Begun
In Him You Love – From Quarreling Run
You Spank And Discipline Your Son
And Strive For Wisdom – Satan Stun
A Prudent Wife's From God The Son
Find Joy In Christ – Salvation's Done
Wisdom's In Him – Second To None!