

Child Instruction, Correction, and Discipline

What God wants and what we want for our children is found in Proverbs 1:1-7. This is the purpose and theme of the book of Proverbs.

The first nine chapters of Proverbs are geared primarily for the instruction of children. We are able to see this by the repeated times the word SON is stated.

Proverbs 1:8, 1:10, 1:15, 2:1, 3:1, 3:21, 4:10, 4:20, 5:20 just to name a few.

In Proverbs 4, David remembers the teachings of his father. Verses 3 and 4 say... when I was a boy in my father's house, still tender, and an only child of my mother, he taught me and said, "Lay hold of my words with all your heart, keep my commands and you will live." Verses 5, 6, and 7 state the goal his father had for him.

Proverbs 1:8 & 9 – This scripture states the role of the Father and Mother.

Verse 8 – Listen my son, to your father's instruction...

INSTRUCTION = instruction / correction / discipline / rebuke / to chastise / with words or blows / bind / punish / or reform / reproof / restraint.

Verse 8 – and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

TEACHING = precept or statute

Precept = The way to go.

Statute = How far to go. (limits)

Proverbs 4:1 – Listen my son to a father's instruction...

Proverbs 5:11-14 – The result of no instruction.

Proverbs 5:23 – He will die for lack of instruction.

Proverbs 15:5 – A fool spurns instruction / discipline.

Proverbs 15:32 – He who ignores instruction / discipline despises himself.

CORRECTION = Chastisement / restraint / halter

*** Correction is able to go back to instruction and re-emphasize it, as well as look ahead to warn that discipline is coming.

Proverbs 10:17 – Whoever ignores correction, leads others astray...

Proverbs 12:1 – He who hates correction is stupid.

Proverbs 13:18 - ... but whoever heeds correction is honored.

Proverbs 15:10 – He who hates correction will die.

Proverbs 15:32 - ... but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.

Proverbs 29:15 – The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.

DISCIPLINE = Chastening (Hebrews 12:5-13, Proverbs 3:11, 12)

Chastening = “The whole training and education of children”

- 1. Instruction which aims at the increase of virtue.**
- 2. Whatever in adults also cultivates the soul.
Especially by correcting mistakes and curbing passions.**
- 3. To chastise / castigate with words or blows; punish/scourge = whip or flog.**

Proverbs 1:7 – The fool despises it

Proverbs 3:11 – Do not despise the Lord’s discipline.

Proverbs 12:1 – Whoever loves discipline, loves knowledge.

Proverbs 13:18 – He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame.

Proverbs 13:24 – He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

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

Proverbs 19:18 – Discipline your son for in that there is hope...

Proverbs 23:13 &14 – Do not withhold discipline from a child if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.

****** (Pointers)**

INSTRUCTION = Train up your child. (Give them a taste for what is right.) Have them repeat back your instructions to you. The objective is to have them gain understanding of WHY, HOW, WHEN, WHERE AND WHAT’S THE END RESULT.

CORRECTION = Be a woman or a man of your word. Stick to what you have instructed them. (CONSISTENCY). This takes self-discipline on the part of the parent. This is the stage of the game where the child says, “let’s see if what they have instructed will come to pass.”

Example: 1,2,3 theory.

This is also the stage where the parents makes sure once again that the child fully understands his actions and what the results of his actions will be, and if the child shows he understood what his choices would result in, the parent then moves on to discipline.

DISCIPLINE = This is where the child’s instruction and correction is enforced. They need to learn that there is a consequence for all behavior whether is be a positive or a negative result. A disciplined person is a wise person, because they can see the end result of behaviors, which helps them to make wiser choices.

******Parents will pass on to their child whatever amount of self-discipline they have.**

Examples: eating habits, exercise, ability to draw boundaries, cleanliness, etc.

******Side thought**** Leaders are not born leaders – they are trained to be leaders. A wise child will always stop to think when pressured by friends: (Is this someone to lead or someone to follow?)**

THE REASON FOR THE PROCESS OF INSTRUCTION, CORRECTION, AND DISCIPLINE IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES.

DISCIPLES = A learner or a pupil.

Our objectives....

- 1. We are disciplining ourselves to be formed, molded, or shaped after someone or something.**
- 2. When we are disciplining our children, we are disciplining them to be molded and formed, and shaped after something or someone.**
- 3. The reason for discipline is to produce self-discipline.**
*****Parents can't continue to be the source of discipline for their child through their adult years.**

THE THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE IN PROVERBS

SIMPLE = A person lacking knowledge

- Proverbs 1:22 - How long will you simple ones love your simple ways?**
Proverbs 1:32 - For the waywardness of the simple will kill them...
Proverbs 8:5 - You who are simple, gain prudence.
Proverbs 9:1-6 - Leave your simple ways...
Proverbs 14:15 - A simple man believes anything.
Proverbs 21:11 -the simple gain wisdom.

FOOL = A person who has been instructed and given knowledge but refuses to submit to what he knows. (He never looks for the end result)

- Psalm 14:1 - The fools says in his heart there is no God.**
Proverbs 22:15 - Folly is bound in the heart...
Proverbs 1:22 - Fools hate knowledge
Proverbs 1:32 - The complacency of a fool will destroy them.
Proverbs 10:8 - A chattering fool comes to ruin.
Proverbs 10:18 - A fool spreads slander.
Proverbs 10:23 - A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct.
Proverbs 12:15 - The way of a fool seems right to him.
Proverbs 12:16 - A fool shows his annoyance at once...
Proverbs 14:9 - Fools mock at making amends for sin...
Proverbs 14:16 - ... but a fool is hot headed and reckless.
Proverbs 17:16 - What use is money in the hand of a fool?
Proverbs 21:20 - A foolish man devours all he has.
Ecclesiastes 4:5 - The fool folds his hands and ruins himself.
Ecclesiastes 10:3 - ... the fool lacks sense.

WISE = A person who is self-disciplined enough to look ahead and see the end result of situations and make a positive choice of action.

Proverbs 1:5 - Wise people listen and learn.
Proverbs 3:7 - Wise people don't become arrogant.
Proverbs 3:35 - The wise inherit honor/glory.
Proverbs 6:6 - Laziness & Wisdom don't go together. (10:5)
Proverbs 8:33 - Hear instruction and be wise.
Proverbs 9:8 - Wise people know a rebuke will help them.
Proverbs 9:9 - Wise people are open to instruction.
Proverbs 9:12 - The wise are rewarded for their wisdom.
Proverbs 10:1 - Wise children are a joy to be around (15:20, 23:15, 24, 27:11)
Proverbs 10:8 - Wise people accept commands.
Proverbs 10:14 - Wise men lay up knowledge.
Proverbs 10:19 - Wise people speak less.
Proverbs 11:29 - The wise will always rule (17:2)
Proverbs 11:30 - The wise are concerned about others Salvation.
Proverbs 12:15 - A wise man hearkens to advice.
Proverbs 12:18 - Wise people speak healing.
Proverbs 13:1 - Wise sons listen to fathers input.
Proverbs 13:20 - Hang out with the wise and you'll become wise.
Proverbs 14:1 - Wisdom builds, foolishness destroys.
Proverbs 14:3 - Talking wisely brings protection.
Proverbs 14:16 - Wise people avoid evil and fear the Lord.
Proverbs 14:24 - Wealth follows the wise.
Proverbs 14:35 - Wisdom brings delight and not wrath.
Proverbs 15:2 - Wise people command knowledge.
Proverbs 15:7 - Wise people spread knowledge
Proverbs 15:24 - The life of the wise continually grows better.
Proverbs 15:31 - Wise people listen to life-giving rebukes.
Proverbs 16:14 - Wise people know how to work with the angry person (29:8)
Proverbs 16:21 - Wisdom & Discernment go together.
Proverbs 16:23 - Wise people watch what they say, they speak instruction.
Proverbs 17:28 - Wise people know how to be silent.
Proverbs 18:15 - The wise seek for knowledge.
Proverbs 19:20 - The wise listen to advice and accept instruction.
Proverbs 20:1 - Alcohol drinkers are not wise.
Proverbs 20:26 - Wise rulers separate out the wicked.
Proverbs 21:11 - Wise people receive instruction and knowledge.
Proverbs 21:20 - Wise people prosper and know how to save.
Proverbs 22:17 - To be wise we must listen to the wise.
Proverbs 23:19 - Wise sons listen and discipline themselves.
Proverbs 24:5 - Wise men rule.
Proverbs 25:12 - Wise men rebuke those who listen.
Proverbs 26:12 - Don't be wise in your own opinion.
Proverbs 29:11 - Wise people control their anger and watch what they say.

RESPECT – REVERENCE - AWE

1. RESPECT = To feel or show honor or esteem for, hold in high regard. You have respect when you acknowledge or give a place of authority. It is the 1st step to learning reverence.

***** *To fear God in the scriptural way – is to respect and awe Him. It's to acknowledge who He is, in comparison to who you are.***

Matthew 10:28

***** To gain respect is to show them you are submitted to a higher authority and you have the ability to follow what God has laid out for you. You show them that you have self-discipline, self-control, love, honesty, etc. They will respect you because you are showing these attributes to them.**

REVERENCE = A feeling or attitude of deep respect. Given a place of honor. (Example: clergyman). This respect is taken to a deeper level. Reverence is willfully yielding and submitting ourselves to a person or to God.

******Reverence takes what you've learned to respect and demands action. It also demands boundaries, because of what we have learned to respect we will only allow ourselves to act in an honoring way.**

Hebrews 12:5-13 & 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

AWE = Refers to a feeling of fearful or profound respect or wonder inspired by greatness, superiority, grandeur etc. of a person or thing and suggests an immobilizing effect.

****** *If children do not learn to show respect, reverence, and awe toward their parents, it will be difficult, or even impossible – for them to show the same to God.***

Psalm 33:8 – Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the people revere him.

Psalm 119:161 – My heart trembles at your word.

A show of Power will cause awe or acknowledging the ability to show power or take action will cause an immobilizing effect.

(Example: It should happen when dad enters the room when 2 kids are fighting)

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NOTES