

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN



You will notice as you study the book of Proverbs contrasts. Contrast between foolish and wise, wickedness and righteousness, the mouth of the just and forward tongue, pride and lowliness and there are many more examples that

Note the contrast of the wise child and foolish child.

| Characteristics of Wise and Foolish Children | |
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| Wise Child (righteous) | Foolish Child (sinful) |
| Obedient (Proverbs 23:22) | Disobedient (Proverbs 15:5) |
| Accepts Discipline, Reproof (Proverbs 13:1; 15:5) | Despises Reproof (Proverbs 13:1) |
| Discerning (Proverbs 28:7) | Right In Own Eyes (Proverbs 12:15) |
| Brings Joy (Proverbs 23:24-25; 29:3) | Causes Grief and Distress (Proverbs 10:1; 17:21, 25) |
| Righteous (Proverbs 8:20) | Shameful (Proverbs 19:26; 28:7) |
| Honors and Blesses Parents (Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 31:28) | Despises and Curses Parents (Proverbs 15:20; 20:20; 30:17) |
| Blessed With Long Life (Proverbs 10:27; 12:28) | Untimely Death (Proverbs 12:28; 20:20) |

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Parents are to teach children:

1. TO HAVE A HEALTHY FEAR OF GOD

Proverbs 1:7

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Proverbs 10:27

²⁷ The fear of the LORD longeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

Proverbs 14:26-27

²⁶ In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge. ²⁷ The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Proverbs 15:16

¹⁶ Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

Proverbs 16:6

⁶ By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

Proverbs 19:23

²³ The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

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2. TO GUARD THEIR MINDS

Proverbs 4:23

²³ *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

Proverbs 23:7

⁷ *For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.*

3. TO OBEY YOU AND THEIR PARENT

Proverbs 1:8

⁸ *My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:*

Proverbs 4:1-4

¹ *Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.*
² *For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.* ³ *For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.* ⁴ *He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.*

Proverbs 6:20-23

²⁰ *My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:* ²¹ *Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.*
²² *When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.* ²³ *For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:*

Proverbs 30:17

¹⁷ *The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.*

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4. TO CAREFULLY SELECT THEIR COMPANIONS AND FRIENDS

Proverbs 1:11-18

¹¹ If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: ¹² Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: ¹³ We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: ¹⁴ Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: ¹⁵ My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: ¹⁶ For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. ¹⁷ Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. ¹⁸ And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives.

Proverbs 2:10-15

¹⁰ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; ¹¹ Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: ¹² To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; ¹³ Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴ Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; ¹⁵ Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:

Proverbs 13:20

²⁰ He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

5. TO CONTROL THEIR SINFUL DESIRES

Proverbs 2:16-19

¹⁶ To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; ¹⁷ Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. ¹⁸ For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. ¹⁹ None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

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Proverbs 5:3-5

³ For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: ⁴ But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. ⁵ Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

Proverbs 6:23-33

²³ For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: ²⁴ To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. ²⁵ Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. ²⁶ For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. ²⁷ Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? ²⁸ Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? ²⁹ So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. ³⁰ Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; ³¹ But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. ³² But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. ³³ A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

Proverbs 7:6-27

⁶ For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, ⁷ And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, ⁸ Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, ⁹ In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: ¹⁰ And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. ¹¹ (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: ¹² Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) ¹³ So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, ¹⁴ I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. ¹⁵ Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. ¹⁶ I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. ¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. ¹⁸ Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. ¹⁹ For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: ²⁰ He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed. ²¹ With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. ²²

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He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; ²³ Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. ²⁴ Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. ²⁵ Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. ²⁶ For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. ²⁷ Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

6. TO BE SEXUALLY PURE AND FAITHFUL TO THEIR SPOUSE

Proverbs 5:15-20

¹⁵ Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. ¹⁶ Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. ¹⁷ Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. ¹⁸ Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. ¹⁹ Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. ²⁰ And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

7. TO WATCH THEIR WORDS

Proverbs 4:24

²⁴ Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Proverbs 10:11

¹¹ The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

Proverbs 10:19-21

¹⁹ In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise. ²⁰ The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth. ²¹ The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

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Proverbs 10:32

³² *The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.*

Proverbs 12:18

¹⁸ *There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.*

8. TO NOT BE LAZY AND DILIGENT IN BUSINESS

Proverbs 6:6-11

⁶ *Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: ⁷ Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, ⁸ Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. ⁹ How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? ¹⁰ Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: ¹¹ So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.*

Proverbs 10:4-5

⁴ *He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. ⁵ He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.*

Proverbs 22:29

²⁹ *Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.*

9. TO MANAGE THEIR MONEY

Proverbs 3:9-10

⁹ *Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: ¹⁰ So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.*

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Proverbs 11:24-26

²⁴ There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. ²⁵ The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. ²⁶ He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

Proverbs 19:17

¹⁷ He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Proverbs 22:9

⁹ He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10. TO LOVE THEIR NEIGHBORS

Proverbs 3:27-29

²⁷ Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. ²⁸ Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee. ²⁹ Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

Proverbs 25:21-22

²¹ If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: ²² For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.