

REAL WISDOM FOR REAL LIFE

PRESERVING FAMILY WISDOM

SELECTED PROVERBS



Preserving Family Wisdom

Selected Proverbs



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How do we preserve
family wisdom from one
generation to the next?



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We normally think the key is the “passer” of wisdom; a parent is like a QB.



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Proverbs makes
preserving family wisdom
mostly the son's job.

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There are over 2X as many
Proverbs telling sons to listen or
be wise as there are Proverbs
telling parents to train their kids.



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For Sons:

10:1, 10:5, 13:1, 15:5, 15:20,
17:25, 19:13, 19:26-7, 20:20,
23:25, 23:24, 27:11, 28:7,
28:24, 29:3, 30:11, 30:17

For parents:

13:24, 19:18, 22:6,
22:15, 23:13, 29:15,
29:17

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Our culture does not tell
us to **really** listen to our
parents.



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1. Simple (Prov 13:1 and 15:5)

PROVERBS 13:1

A wise son hears his father's
instruction,
but a scoffer does not listen
to rebuke.



PROVERBS 15:5

A fool despises his father's instruction,
but whoever heeds reproof is
prudent.



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How do we listen well?

1. Simple (Prov 13:1 and 15:5)
2. Have Empathy (10:1, 10:5, 15:20, 17:25, 19:13a, 19:26, 23:24, 27:11, and 28:7)

PROVERBS 10:1

The proverbs of Solomon.

A wise son makes a glad father,
but a foolish son is a sorrow to his mother.



PROVERBS 28:7

The one who keeps the law is a son with understanding,
but a companion of gluttons shames his father.



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Ask: Would this honor
my parents?



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But, what if my parents
aren't wise?



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aren't wise?

The ultimate goal is still
wisdom.



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Discipline helps preserve
wisdom too.



HEBREWS 12:11

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.



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Train up a child.



PROVERBS 22:6

Train up a child in the way he
should go;

even when he is old he will
not depart from it.



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Not a guarantee, but
rather the likely outcome.



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Don't blame yourself.

Don't have false hope.



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Training challenge: who is
really doing the training?

The screentime challenge



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Training challenge: what's
easy or what's best?



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easy or what's best?

The easy way isn't the
easiest in the long run.



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Training challenge: what's
the right method?

PROVERBS 22:15

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,

but the rod of discipline
drives it far from him.



PROVERBS 23:13

Do not withhold discipline from
a child;

if you strike him with a rod,
he will not die.



PROVERBS 29:15

The rod and reproof give
wisdom,

but a child left himself to
brings shame to his mother.



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The opposite of the “rod” is
not non-physical discipline;
it’s **non-discipline**.



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Key aspects of training:

1. Firm and **consistent**.
2. Not in **fear**.
3. Talk about **Jesus**.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our
God, the LORD is one.

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

You shall love the LORD your
God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all
your might.



DEUTERONOMY 6:6

And these words that I
command you today shall be on
your heart.



DEUTERONOMY 6:7

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.



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When talking about Jesus,
don't forget his grace for
you, too.



PROVERBS 20:7

The righteous who walks in his integrity—

blessed are his children after him!



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Key takeaways:

Listen empathetically to
our parents.



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Key takeaways:

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Be consistent in training while connecting with Jesus.

