

July Bible Study Series:

Wise Up!

(Lessons from the book of Proverbs)

Lesson Nine

Wisdom and Parenting

“Children learn more from what you are than what you teach.”

The Importance of Wisdom in Child-Rearing

Ten Basic Principles of Parenting

1. A Wise Son Brings Gladness.

Proverbs 10:1

Proverbs 9:10, The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

2. Discipline Your Child

**Two Forms of Discipline:
Formative and Corrective**

Formative discipline is all the steps you take to form your son or daughter's heart to look more like Christ.

Corrective discipline is a specific action taken in response to a specific sin.

Proverbs 23:13, Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die.

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

Proverbs 29:15, The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

3. Parents Must Set a Good Example.

Proverbs 20:7

**4. The Early Years of a Child is
Crucial to His/her
Development.**

Proverbs 22:6

5. Observe the Behavior of Your Child(ren).

Proverbs 20:11

- 1. A person's actions reveal a lot about his/her upbringing.**
- 2. Children need training, discipline, and guidance.**
- 3. Actions reveal character and motives.**

6. Teach Diligence to Your Child(ren).

Proverbs 10:5

7. Children Must Learn to Honor their Parents.

Proverbs 30:17

**9. Trouble in the Family will
Lead to Poverty.**

Proverbs 11:29

10. Children Need to Listen to their Parents.

Proverbs 23:22-25

**Parents Must Protect their
Children from Evil.**

Proverbs 8:13

**“Your children will become
what you are, so be what you
want them to be.”**

Bible Study Follow Up Chat Questions:

- 1. How can we discover each child's unique potential and hidden talents?**
- 2. What are some benefits and hazards of setting goals for children?**
- 3. What are some ways to help your child cope with failure?**
- 4. How do we keep the balance between wisely monitoring our child's peer influence, and giving them enough personal space?**
- 5. In what ways can we regulate the input of the mass media (Cell phones, TV, Internet, magazines, and books) into our homes?**

- 6. How do we avoid being perceived by our children as ‘nagging parents’?**
- 7. What are your biggest challenges as a parent? What are your greatest joys?**
- 8. What were the patterns of discipline in your home when you were a child? What challenges of disciplining do you see yourself or other parents struggling with today? What is the purpose of discipline?**
- 9. Parents must proactively and regularly ask their kids what questions they have about faith. Agree or disagree? Why?**