

God's Design for Family, Part 2

Introduction

Even the dictionary notes that family is fundamental
Family was first institution God created

- a) Family is important to God
- b) Should not be surprised families have conflict
- c) Should not be surprised satan would attack family unit

Worship is Focal Point of God's design for family

2. Wisdom to Pass on

Parents provide children with the opportunity to learn wisdom without the side affects of sorrow.

Verses from Proverbs which highlight that parents are to pass on wisdom to their children. Parents are to direct their children in wisdom and give them the tools to search for and find wisdom in their daily lives:

- Prov 1:8: Parent's teaching
- Prov 5:1: Pay attention to wisdom from Father
- Prov 6:20: Observe Parents teaching
- Prov 10:1: Wise vs foolish son

"Parables" in Proverbs

As Solomon calls his son to heed his wisdom he does not just relate raw facts but gives him parable type teachings so he can avoid pitfalls.

a) Adulterous (Prov 5:8-14)

- ❖ There are consequences to sinful behavior
 - No energy (5:9)
 - No money (5:10)
 - Lost health (5:11-12)

b) Parable of the Naïve (Prov 7:6-23)

- ❖ Application (7:24-27)
- ❖ How does he know what she is going to say?
- ❖ Has he seen friends go down this path?

c) Drinking (Prov 23:29-35)

- ❖ Random Physical problems (23:29)
- ❖ Look and taste of wine (29:31)
- ❖ Side affects (29:32-35)

Example: Matthias (5 at the time) asking about what store is in between Subway, Pizza Hut, and O'Rileys Auto Parts. The one with the dragon in the window. I did not have to have a story about my failure with alcohol to give him a biblical warning.

d) Sluggard (Prov 24:30-34)

❖ I reflected (24:32)

- Lessons can be learned from the mistakes of random people
- You don't have to be lazy and feel its affects to learn this lesson
- We often stop and criticize; Proverbs calls us to stop and consider

❖ You instruct children to work hard...

❖ ... or you can show them examples of one who did not

❖ You can point to the ant (6:6-11; 30:25)

How can we pass on wisdom in helpful, memorable ways?

What examples of others can we highlight to make a lasting impression?

Are we prepared with godly wisdom to pass on to the next generation?