

“Family Wisdom On Mother’s Day”

“The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair;” (Proverbs 1:1–3)

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7)

I. God Planned The Family For Loyal Commitment

“Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching.” (Proverbs 1:8)

A. Loyal Commitment Between Husband and Wife

“The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”” (Genesis 2:18)

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24)

[picture: “Good Wife”]

“Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious dinner ready when your husband gets home from work. This is a way of letting him know you have been thinking about him and are concerned with his needs ... Prepare yourself. Put on some make-up, put a ribbon in your hair, and be fresh-looking. He's been with a lot of work-weary people. Prepare the children. Take a few minutes to wash them up, brush their hair, and change their clothes if needed. Remember, they are little treasures and he would like to see them playing the part ... Have a cool or warm drink for him, and arrange his pillow and take off his shoes ... Over the cooler months you should prepare and light a fire for him to unwind by. After all, catering to his comfort will bring you immense satisfaction ... Let him talk first. Remember that his topics of conversation are more important than yours ... Never complain if he comes home late or goes out to dinner or entertainment without you. Instead try to understand his world of strain and pressure and his need to relax.”

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3)

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant” (Phil 2:5–7)

B. Loyal Commitment To Children

“As you are in me and I am in you, I pray that they can also be one in us ... I will be in them and you will be in me so that they will be completely one ... Father, I want these people that you gave me to be with me where I am. I want them to see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before the world was made. Father, you are the One who is good ... these people know you sent me. I showed them what you are like, and I will show them again. Then they will have the same love that you have for me, and I will live in them.” (John 17:21–26 NCV)

“He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—” (Ephesians 1:5)

II. The Family is a School of Training and Instruction

A. Professors Mom and Dad

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Listen, my

son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching." (Proverbs 1:7–8)

“Life does not come naturally for human beings. The sucking reflex comes naturally. The falling reflex comes naturally. The iris of the eye closes naturally in bright light. We don't have to learn to cry when hungry. But that's about it. And those skills will not get us very far in this world. Humans have to learn just about everything from the most basic skills of walking and talking and eating” (John Piper)

B. Parents Train But Can't Choose

“Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.” (Proverbs 1:8)

“how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.” (Matthew 23:37)

III. Give Honor To Mothers In Our Families

“When Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, the king stood up to meet her, bowed down to her and sat down on his throne. He had a throne brought for the king's mother, and she sat down at his right hand.” (1 Kings 2:19)

[video: “Motherhood”]