

Proverbs: Walk in Wisdom Always



Family and Friends Relationships

Proverbs 10-29



Solomon insists on the importance
of a strong cohesive family and
denigrate anyone and anything that
erodes the family bond

16 There are six things the Lord hates,
seven that are detestable to him:

17 haughty eyes,
a lying tongue,
hands that shed innocent blood,

18 a heart that devises wicked schemes,
feet that are quick to rush into evil,
19 a false witness who pours out lies
and a person who stirs up conflict
in the community

Things that the Lord hates: Proverbs 6: 16-19

Haughty eyes: a
demeanor
shaped by pride

Lying tongue

Hands that
shed innocent
blood

Heart set on
devising wicked
schemes

Feet that
rushes into evil

False witness

One who
causes conflicts
among brothers

Family is the place for
instruction and primary
discipleship

Proverbs 4: 3-4a

For I too was a son to my father,
still tender, and cherished by my
mother.

Then he taught me, and he said to me

Parents responsibilities: Deu 6: 4-9

They are to be on
your heart

Impress them on
your children

Talk about them
when you sit at
home

Talk about them
when you walk
along the road

Talk about them
when you lie down
and get up

Tie them as
symbols on your
hands

Bind them on your
foreheads

Write them on the
doorframes of
your houses and
on your gates

Children must respect
the teaching of their
parents

Consequences of disrespecting parents

- Proverbs 17: 21: A godless son (bible calls them as fools) brings no joy to his parents but grief and disgrace.
- Proverbs: 20: 20: If you curse your parents, your lamp will be snuffed in pitch darkness.
- Proverbs 28: 24: Whoever justifies robbing their parents are partners with Satan.
- Proverbs: 30: 17: An eye that ridicules one's father and despises the teaching of one's mother, will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures.

Consequences of respecting parents

- Proverbs 10: 1, 15: 20, 23: 15-16,22-25: A wise son brings joy to his father and mother, gladness and rejoicing in their hearts.
- Proverbs 15: 5: One who heeds correction shows prudence.
- Proverbs 27: 11: A wise son makes his parents proud and brings them boldness.
- Proverbs 3: 2: For length of days, years of life and peace will be added to you.

Parents must discipline
their children for their
own good

Proverbs 23: 13-14

13 Do not withhold discipline from a child;
if you punish them with the rod, they will not
die.

14 Punish them with the rod
and save them from death.

Proverbs on discipline

Proverbs 13: 24:
Careful discipline is
evidence that you
love your children

Proverbs 22: 6:
Discipline them
young and they will
not depart when
they're old

Proverbs 22: 15:
Discipline drives folly
far away

Proverbs 23: 13-14:
Discipline is
extremely important
to save your child
from eternal death.

Proverbs 29: 15:
Discipline imparts
wisdom

Proverbs 29: 17:
Discipline will give
you peace and will
bring you the
delights you desire.

Parents must model
godly behavior

Proverbs 20: 7

The righteous lead blameless lives;
blessed are their children after them

Friends / Neighbors relationships

Proper behavior towards a friend/neighbor

- Proverbs 13: 20: Walking with the wise makes you become wise
- Proverbs 14: 11: Tent of the upright will flourish
- Proverbs 15: 17: Better a small serving with love
- Proverbs 17: 9: Fostering love covers an offense
- Proverbs 17: 17: A friend loves at all times
- Proverbs 18: 24: A good friend sticks closer than a brother
- Proverbs 26: 20: Avoiding gossip will put a quarrel away
- Proverbs 27: 6: Wounds from a friend can be trusted
- Proverbs 27: 9: Like perfume and incense, pleasant friends bring joy

Behaviors that will hurt relationships with friend/neighbor

- Proverbs 14: 11: House of the wicked will be destroyed
- Proverbs 16: 28: A perverse person stirs up conflict; gossip separates close friends
- Proverbs 16: 29: A violent person entices and leads down a bad path
- Proverbs 17: 9: Repetition of the same offense separates close friends
- Proverbs 17: 13: Evil will never leave the house of one who pays evil for good
- Proverbs 17: 18: One who has no sense pledges and puts up security
- Proverbs 18: 1: Unfriendly person pursues selfish end and starts a quarrel against all sound judgement
- Proverbs 18: 24: One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin
- Proverbs 22: 24-25: Hot tempered person will teach their ways and get you ensnared
- Proverbs 26: 21: A quarrelsome person kindles strife