

Treasure Hunt: Wisdom for Parents

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Question: What is a proverb, either biblical or cultural, that you are most familiar with and use?

A proverb is a memorable statement about something generally true

Read Proverbs 22:6

Questions: If you are a parent, when were the moments when you were the most desperate for wisdom? As a child, when did you place your parents in the most desperate need for wisdom?

Read Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 9:10; 2 Peter 1:21

The Bible has many different types of literary forms or genres, and each of them have their unique methods of expression and interpretation.

A proverb is a principle that is generally true, not a promise you can take the bank.

Read some promises: Hebrews 13:5; Acts 2:21; Revelation 22:12

Question: What are some other promises?



A couple of dangerous misunderstandings when interpreting Proverbs 22:6 as a promise:

- If you are a good parent you will raise good kids who love you and love God.
- But if you kids turn their back on you or God, it is because you were not a good parent.

Question: What are some of the consequences of this type of thinking?

Some truths that need to be considered:

- How you turn out as an adult is very much your choice.
The same boiling water that softens the carrot hardens the egg.
- Parents can make it easier for their kids to choose what is right, or they can make it harder.

Wisdom for Parents:

- There is no such thing as a perfect parent!
- Stay on your kid's team!
Read Luke 15:20
- Don't Stop Praying
Read Psalm 139:7, 11-12
- Phone a friend for support.
Read Galatians 6:2

Questions: Which one of these points on wisdom do you most need to embrace? What is one step you will take to embrace it and when?

Resources

The @YouVersion plan 'BibleProject | The Wisdom Of Proverbs'. Check it out here:

<https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/3055>