

## WISE AND INTELLIGENT PARENTING

TEXT: (Proverbs 28:2, VOICE)

<sup>2</sup> Where there is rebellion in a land, there are many *petty and contending* rulers; But where there is a wise and intelligent leader, *peace and order* endure.

### I. PROTECTIVE FACTORS

#### A. Build Your Home for Jesus

1. "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever" (I Corinthians 9:25, NIV).

#### B. Reverence for the Word of God

1. "Listen, [parents]! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, NLT)
2. "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward" (Psalm 19:7-11, NIV).

#### C. Family Devotions

1. "Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it" (Proverbs 22:6, NLT).
2. "Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old they won't be lost" (Proverbs 22:6, MSG).

#### D. A Consistent Example

1. "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27, KJV).
2. "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (I Peter 1:15, KJV).
3. "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do" (I Peter 1:15, NIV).

### II. THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP

#### A. Build on the Word

1. "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1, NIV).
2. "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15, NIV).

#### B. Teach Obedience and Respect

1. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1, NIV).

2. "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12, NIV).
3. "If anyone curses his father or mother, he must be put to death" (Leviticus 20:9, NIV).

#### C. The Importance of Father's Role

1. "I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing" (I Timothy 2:8, NIV).
2. "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4, NIV).
3. "Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged" (Colossians 3:21, NIV).

### III. UNLESS THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE

1. "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1, NIV).

#### A. Training Children God's Way

1. "Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death" (Proverbs 23:13-14, NIV).
2. "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him" (Proverbs 13:24, NIV).
3. "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Proverbs 19:18, KJV).
4. "A child left to himself disgraces his mother" (Proverbs 29:15, NIV).

#### B. The Power of Example

1. "In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us" (Titus 2:7-8, NIV).

#### C. Provision, Protection, and Security

1. "If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (I Timothy 5:8, KJV).
2. "When you build a new house, you must build a railing around the edge of its flat roof. That way you will not be considered guilty of murder if someone falls from the roof" (Deuteronomy 22:8, NLT).

### CONCLUSION

1. "I went past the field of the sluggard, past the vineyard of the man who lacks judgment; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man" (Proverbs 24:30-34, NIV).
2. "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth" (III John 1:4, NIV).
3. "Her children arise and call her blessed" (Proverbs 31:28, NIV).