

Handling the Future, Honor, and Wisdom

Proverbs 27 pt 3

“Be wise, my son, and bring my heart joy, so that I can answer anyone who taunts me.”-Proverbs 27:11

As you reflect on your upbringing, why is it so important to honor our parents and or guardians?

*Moral & Spiritual Significance

*Emotional & Psychological B_____

*Personal & S_____ Growth

“Your parents may not be perfect, but they are the most precious gift God has ever given you.”

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9 Oil and incense bring joy to the heart, and the sweetness of a friend is better than self-counsel.

What is the main theme of this verse?

➤ The value of a good f_____ advice.

Notice the benefits of a friend’s advice:

_____ and _____ bring joy to the heart

Oil: Frequently used in the Hebrew culture; set apart people, places, and objects for holy service. Used to refresh, soothe wounds, calming.

Incense: Perfume, smoke, fragrant; the ascending column of smoke symbolized accepted worship. Used in the temple, gladdening power, heartfelt supplication.

What does King Solomon mean by the sweetness of a friend?

*Pleasantness

*Attractive s_____

*Discernment

➤ Sweetness is not just r_____ to taste, but this term also extends to relationships that draw the listener or friend toward wisdom and joy. King Solomon says this sweetness is better than self-counsel.

What are some potential pitfalls of self-counsel?

*Confirmation Bias

*Emotional Isolation

*Focusing on n_____

*Oversimplification

*Over comparison

*No A_____

How could you use this verse to help someone who is strong willed?

➤ Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10; Galatians 6:2

10 Don't abandon your friend or your father's friend, and don't go to your brother's house in your time of calamity; better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

What is the main idea of this verse?

- Sometimes f_____ are closer than f_____.

King Solomon is not saying we should ignore our family, but rather we should not depend on our family in times of crisis just because they're family.

How do we balance this dynamic between friends and family?

#1 Don't a_____ your friend (neighbor); leave, depart, be absent, let go; context includes: family life, covenant loyalty, warfare, worship and commitment to the Lord. In contrast to human frailties God never abandons His people.

#2 Don't a_____ at your brother's (relatives) house in your time of trouble. Suddenly showing up at a family member's house that you are not close with, in the midst of a difficulty may make things worse and cause unnecessary stress.

What is one thing you can do to keep you from abandoning your friends and neighbors?

*Have a l_____ ear *Offer open dialogue *Be p_____

How do we determine the real measure of a relationship, love or birth?

"Better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away."

- 1 Samuel 18:1; Luke 8:20-21

11 Be wise, my son, and bring my heart joy, so that I can answer anyone who taunts me.

What is the main theme of this verse?

- A child's b_____ reflects on their parents.

When we look at this in a negative sense, sons and daughters who act badly bring s_____ on their father and mother. Unfortunately, this is not always fair since well raised children can still make p_____ decisions.

In light of this verse, how should parents encourage their children?

To be w_____; making choices that reflect honor and respect for the Lord, understanding, moral integrity, and being committed to personal growth and the wellbeing of others.

How are parents blessed when their children grow to be wise?

*Joy *Strong r_____ *Legacy & Impact

*Spiritual b_____

➤ Proverbs 23:24-25; 3 John 1:4

12 A sensible person sees danger and takes cover; the inexperienced keep going and are punished.

What is the contrast of this verse?

➤ _____ person Vs. _____ person

The sensible are the wise who have a proper understanding of God, His Word, and His will. One of the indicators of a wise person is their ability to notice risks and take appropriate steps.

The inexperienced are the unwise who reject God, His Word, and His will. Those who lack wisdom also lack the self-control to notice danger and therefore suffer the consequences of bad decisions.

As we go through life, who and what are some dangers we should take cover from?

*The D_____

*The Devil's s_____

*L____ of the f____, pride of l____, lust of the e____

*S____

➤ Ephesians 6:11-13; 1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 2:16

What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

“Courage consists not in blindly overlooking danger, but in seeing it, and conquering it.”