

The image shows an open book with a magnifying glass held over the word "Proverbs" in the center. The text on the pages is partially visible, including phrases like "to infect vengeance", "the story of all his saints", "Praise the LORD", "Let everything that breath praise the LORD", "Warning Against Rejecting Wisdom", "How long will you simple ones", "and fools hate knowledge?", "I would have poured out my heart", "and made my thoughts known to you", "since you rejected me when I called", "and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand", "since you ignored all my advice", "and would not accept my rebuke", "I will mock when calamity overtakes you", "when calamity overtakes you like a storm", "when disaster sweeps over you like whirlwind", "when distress and trouble overwhelm you", "then they will call to me but I will not answer", "I will look for you but you will not answer".

Proverbs

Proverbs Lesson 7

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Priority of wisdom for a stable family life:

1. Wisdom in ***our choice of a spouse:***
 - God intended marriage for our good.

“Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.’” Gen 2:18

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Priority of wisdom for a stable family life:

- What Jesus said about marriage:

“...Have you not read that ***He who created them from the beginning made them male and female,*** and said, ‘For this reason a man shall ***leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,*** and the two shall become one flesh?’ ...What therefore God has joined together, ***let no man separate.***”

Mt 19:4-6

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Eph 5:23-25

“For the ***husband is the head of the wife,*** as ***Christ also is the head of the church...***as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. ***Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church*** and gave Himself up for her.”

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Eph 5:31-32

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This mystery is great; but ***I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.***”

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Prov 18:22 “He who ***finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor*** from the LORD.”

Prov 19:14 “House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, but ***a prudent [skillful, wise] wife is from the LORD.***”

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Priority of wisdom for a stable family life:

1. Wisdom in ***our choice of a spouse:***

- God intended marriage for our good.
- What Jesus said about marriage, Mt 19
- The Lord must be the foundation of our homes.

Ps 127:1 “Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it...”

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I Pet 3:1-2 “...you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that ***even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,*** as they observe your chaste [pure, innocent] and respectful behavior.”

Paul’s instructions in I Cor. 7:10-16

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1. Wisdom in our choice of a spouse.
2. Wisdom in **goals together as a family.**
 - Using Godly wisdom to build your home

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Prov 24:3-4 “**By wisdom a house is built,** and **by understanding** it is established; and **by knowledge** the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.”

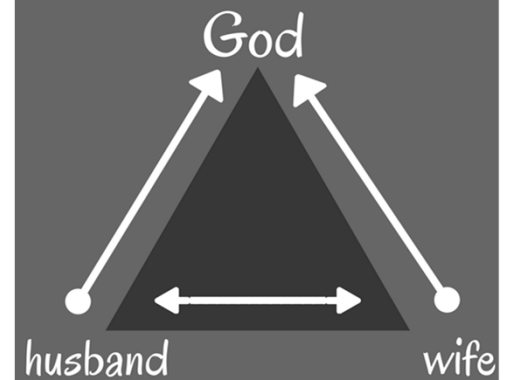
Prov 1-4: “**the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge**”

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Prov 19:23 “**The fear of the LORD leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.**”

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As a husband and wife grow closer to the Lord, they grow closer to each other.



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2. Wisdom in **goals together as a family.**
 - Using Godly wisdom to build your home
 - Wisdom and unity in financial goals

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Prov 15:16-17 “**Better is a little with the fear of the LORD** than great treasure and turmoil with it. Better is a dish of vegetables where love is than a fattened ox served with hatred.”

Prov 17:1 “**Better is a dry morsel and quietness** with it than a house full of feasting with strife.”

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Eph 4:28 “He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, **so that he will have something to share with one who has need.**”

Prov 13:16 “And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for **with such sacrifices God is pleased.**”

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Heb 13:5 “Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, **being content** with what you have; for **He Himself has said, ‘I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.’**”

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 - Using Godly wisdom to build your home
 - Wisdom and unity in financial goals
 - Relationship goals: time spent together

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Deut 6:6-7 “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall **talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.**”

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Proverbs for women: **she is NO doormat!**

- She uses **wisdom** to build up her house; 14:1
- She is **trustworthy**, looking out for the good of her husband and family; 31:10-16
- She is **socially-conscious**, helping the poor and needy; 31:20
- She prepares ahead of time; is a **“forward-thinker;”** 31:21
- She is **skilled in fashion design**; 31:22
- She is an **entrepreneurial business woman**; 31:24
- She is known for being **dignified, confident, wise, kind, and diligent.** 31:25-27
- She has **earned the praise** that she receives; 31:28-29

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The “other woman” in Proverbs:

- She is **contentious, vexing, and argumentative**; 19:13; 21:9,19
- She is **uncontrolled and uncontrollable**; 27:15-16
- She **brings shame** to her family; 12:4
- She is **boisterous, rebellious**, and always “gadding about” **getting in other people’s business**; 7:11
- Her **lack of discretion** makes even a beautiful woman **unattractive**; 11:22

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Priority of wisdom for a stable family life:

1. Wisdom in our choice of a spouse.
2. Wisdom in goals together as a family.
3. Wisdom in *disciplining our children*.

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“The rod” = symbol of authority

“The Rod”: Rev 2:27; 12:5; 19:15” = **scepter, a symbol of His authority.**

- **Ps 89:30-33** –The Lord speaking to David: balance of punishment and love.
- **Heb 12:5-11** –the Lord disciplines those who belong to Him; proves His love.
- **Prov 13:24** “He who withholds **his rod** hates his son,
but he who loves him **disciplines** him **diligently.**”

parallelism: “the rod” = “discipline”;
relationship between love and discipline

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“The rod” = symbol of authority

• **Prov 26:3-4** “A **whip** for a horse, a **bridle** for a donkey, and a **rod for the back of fools**. Don’t answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him.”

• **Prov 23:13-14** “Do not hold back discipline from the child, although you strike him with the rod, he will **not die**. You shall strike him with the rod and **rescue his soul from Sheol.**”
→ **parallelism: discipline = keeps from death** (physical or spiritual).

• **Prov 29:15** “The **rod and reproof** give wisdom, but a child **who gets his own way** brings shame to his mother.”

[*lit.: a child left to himself = neglect of discipline*]

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Consequences of discipline:

Negative (failing to discipline):

- A foolish son **is destruction** to his father (19:13), **humiliates** his father (28:7), **grief** to his father and **bitterness** to his mother (17:25; 10:1)
- The father of a fool has **sorrow** (17:21) and no joy (Ps 14:1)

Positive (using appropriate discipline):

- A **wise** son makes his father **happy** (15:20)
- The children of a virtuous woman **bless her** (31:28)
- A righteous man who walks in **integrity** has sons who are **blessed** (20:7)
- **Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it** (22:6)

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