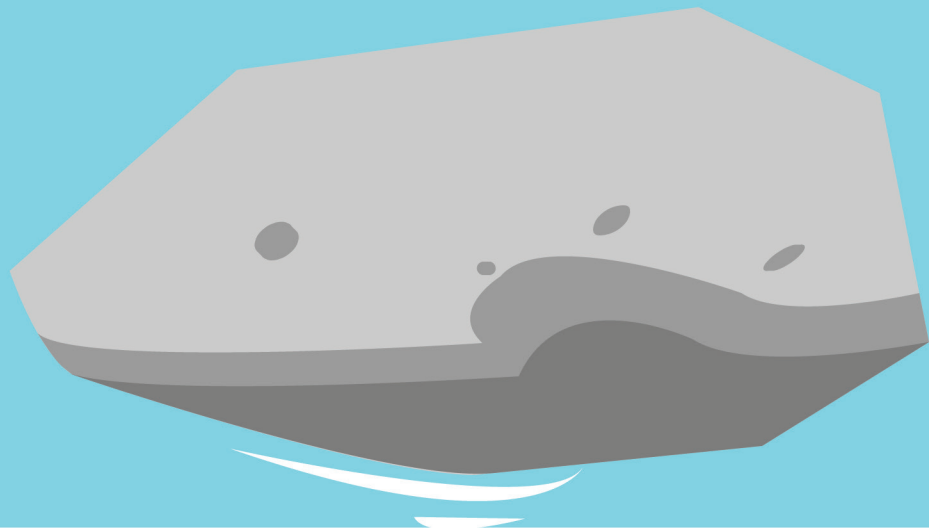


“PARENTAL PROVERBS”

31 Wisdom Blessings in 31 Days



Instructions:

The book of Proverbs is a book of wisdom written to the young people of a nation. It is full of references to family, father, mothers, sons and daughters. There are 31 chapters in Proverbs with 28-31 days of the month it is the perfect one month study. We have created this resource to allow you to share daily words of wisdom and blessing with your children.

Each “Parent Proverbs” has a heading, personal message and includes a few key verses from that day’s chapter.

Use these as a “lunch box” or “mirror” note, as part of a dinner time devotional/discussion, or in whatever way you feel fits your family best.

Parent Proverb #1: “Wisdom and Blessings”

Respect God, that is the start of knowing what He wants. It is what we want for you too. I want to pray and share a blessing with you over the next 31 days. One of the greatest blessing I can pass along is my encouragement to learn how to be wise.


Proverbs 1:7 (NIV) “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”



Parent Proverb #2: “Success and Protection”

Seek God and His wisdom. Our prayer for you is to be successful, but not according to the world’s definition of success. If you walk with God, he will protect you and bless you, that is true success.


Proverbs 2:7-8 (NIV) He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.”



Parent Proverbs #3: “Get Rich in Wisdom”

May you know the difference between right and wrong, because that is worth more than a big bank account or being famous. I am praying for your future!


Proverbs 3:13-14 (NIV) ”Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.”



Parent Proverb #4: “Stay Healthy”

Stay healthy and make sure you work out your mind and spirit as much as you do your body. Just like you train for a sport, I hope you give your best effort, commitment and focus to your heart for God also.


Proverbs 4:20-22 (NIV) ”My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”



Parent Proverb #5: “Listen and Speak Wisely”

Today, may you be quick to listen and slow to speak. Pay attention to the good things, and ignore the negative things. Choose your words wisely today no matter who you are talking to.


Proverbs 5:1-2 (NIV) “My son (daughter), pay attention to my wisdom, turn your ear to my words of insight, that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.”



Parent Proverb #6: “Hate What God Hates”

Hate is a powerful word, but God does use it. You should only hate what God hates. God has made a list for things he hates and one more he hates, a troublemaker in the family. Let’s work hard as a family to get along today.


Proverbs 6:16-19 (The Message) “Here are six things God hates, and one more that he loathes with a passion: eyes that are arrogant, a tongue that lies, hands that murder the innocent, a heart that hatches evil plots, feet that race down a wicked track, a mouth that lies under oath, a troublemaker in the family.”



Parent Proverb #7: “Our Other Family Member”

Wisdom is the extra family member in our home. It is like a new sister that we have adopted and made a part of our family. She needs to be part of our life and our family. You need to show her respect and include her in our conversations and family times.


Proverbs 6:16-19 (The Message) “My son (daughter) keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,” and to insight, “You are my relative.”



Parent Proverb #8: “Fear Means to Respect”

You should have a healthy fear of God. That means to have a respect for God and His authority in your life. If you do, He will give you wisdom and the power to live the right kind of life.


Proverbs 8:13-14 (NIV) “To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. Counsel and sound judgment are mine I have insight, I have power.”



Parent Proverb #9: “Respect of God is the Beginning of Being Wise”

The first step toward being smart is to learn to have respect for God and get to know His word. It will give you a long life. If you make fun of others for being smart, you will end of being very lonely.


Proverbs 9:10-12 (NIV) “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For through wisdom, your days will be many, and years will be added to your life. If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you; if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer.”



Parent Proverb #10: “Make Your Parents Happy!”

Being wise and not foolish will make us happy. Live an honest life today, and work hard. It will make you happy too. Today is a day to do what is right and make smart choices!


Proverbs 10: 1-5 (The Message) “Wise son, glad father; stupid son, sad mother. Ill-gotten gain gets you nowhere; an honest life is immortal. God won’t starve an honest soul, but he frustrates the appetites of the wicked. Being lazy makes you poor; diligence brings wealth.”



Parent Proverb #11: “Don’t Get Stuck in a Trap”

Living a life that is right will make the road of your life easier. Living a life that is evil sets you up to get trapped and stuck in bad situations. This goes for your friends too; good friends will help you and bad friends will end up causing you trouble.


Proverbs 11: 5-8 (NIV) “The righteousness of the blameless makes their paths straight, but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the unfaithful are trapped by evil desires. Hopes placed in mortals die with them; all the promise of their power comes to nothing. The righteous person is rescued from trouble, and it falls on the wicked instead.”



Parent Proverb #12: “Watch Your Mouth!”

God can’t stand liars. He loves people that are honest and able to be trusted. Be careful with your words. Make sure you don’t brag about how smart you are and be careful about saying something hurtful today.


Proverbs 12:22-23 (NIV) “The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy. The prudent keep their knowledge to themselves, but a fool’s heart blurts out folly.”



Parent Proverbs #13: “Listen to Your Parent’s Wisdom”

God has allowed me to be your parent. Even though I don’t know everything, and I am still learning, I am asking you to trust me and listen to what I tell you. Let’s find some more time later today to talk and share about our day.


Proverbs 13:1-2 (The Message): “Intelligent children listen to their parents, foolish children do their own thing. The good acquire a taste for helpful conversation; bullies push and shove their way through life.”



Parent Proverb #14: “Sort Through the Things You are Hearing and Reading”

Don’t believe everything you are hearing around you. Be careful of the things you are reading on the internet. Sort through words you hear and read to make sure it is the truth.


Proverbs 14:14-15 (The Message) “A mean person gets paid back in meanness, a gracious person in grace. The gullible believe anything they’re told; the prudent sift and weigh every word.”



Parent Proverb #15: “Kind Words Will Calm People Down”

Gentle and kind words in response to someone’s anger will calm them down. Responding back in anger will only stir up more drama. Speak words of wisdom today, not words of foolishness.


Proverbs 15:1-2 (NIV) “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.”



Parent Proverb #16: “Fresh Words and Sweet Words”

Intelligent words are like a bottle of fresh cold water on a hot day. It helps and refreshes. Your words can either be sweet like honey or bitter and nasty. Choose your words so they heal hurts not cause more.


Proverbs 16:22-24 (NIV) “Prudence is a fountain of life to the prudent, but folly brings punishment to fools. The hearts of the wise make their mouths prudent, and their lips promote instruction. Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.”



Parent Proverb #17: “Plain Bread is Better Than a Buffet”

It is better to be sitting eating a plate of plain crackers in our house when we are not fighting than to be having an argument on the way out to party at an all-you-can-eat buffet. Let's work hard to get along in our house this week and celebrate the simple things of life!


Proverbs 17:1-2 (NIV) “Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife. A prudent servant will rule over a disgraceful son and will share the inheritance as one of the family.”



Parent Proverb #18: “Let's Drop the Walls in our Family”

When we hurt each other, it creates walls in our house and our family as strong as a castle's walls. Let's make sure the words we are using with each other are healthy like fruit, filling each other with happiness.


Proverbs 18:19-20 (NIV) “A brother wronged is more unyielding than a fortified city; disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel. From the fruit of their mouth a person's stomach is filled; with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied.”



Parent Proverb #19: “Frazzled Family Life”

Parents sometimes act a little frazzled. I know you think I am just nagging you about things you should be doing. I am doing all of this because I want to hand down to you the best of my wisdom. It also part of preparing you for having your own family someday!


Proverbs 19:13-14 (The Message) “A parent is worn to a frazzle by a stupid child a nagging spouse is a leaky faucet. House and land are handed down from parents, but a congenial spouse comes straight from God.”



Parent Proverb #20: “Diving Deep in the Water of My Heart for You”

I want you to know I do love you with all my heart. The things I am trying to share with you over the last 20 days is about my faithful love for you. I am want to pass down to you our family’s faith.


Proverbs 20:5-7 (NIV) “The purposes of a person’s heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out. Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find? The righteous lead blameless lives;



Parent Proverb #21: “It is More Than Appearances, it is What We Believe”

I want more for than for you to be a good person or act Godly when I am around. I want you to be a Godly person and believe the things I have been sharing with you. I want you to have your own personal faith that is yours for a lifetime.


Proverbs 21:2-3(The Message) “We justify our actions by appearances; God examines our motives. Clean living before God and justice with our neighbors mean far more to God than religious performance.”



Parent Proverb #22: “Starting off Right and Having a Lifetime Faith”

I want to make sure I am teaching you everything I can now about God so that you will continue living for Him the rest of your life. I know you think some of my rules are unfair or hard, but I am trying to keep you from getting trapped in mistakes or getting hurt.


Proverbs 22:5-6 (NIV) “In the paths of the wicked are snares and pitfalls, but those who would preserve their life stay far from them. Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”



Parent Proverb #23: “Discipline is Connected to Being a Disciple”

Rules, punishments, and discipline are all part of our family’s plan to help you and grow you as a disciple, a follower of Christ. I know you might not like the rules and the punishments, but they are coming from a place of love.


Proverbs 23:13-14 (NIV) “Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish them with the rod, they will not die. Punish them with the rod and save them from death.”



Parent Proverb #24: “A House Full of Treasures”

A family and home that is teaching wisdom is like a fancy mansion filled with expensive rare items. It is rare in our world for people to think wisely and act Godly. There is a value in God’s wisdom that money can’t buy.

Proverbs 24:3-4 (NIV) “By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.”



Parent Proverb #25: “Playing Hide and Seek with God”

God has hidden Himself and His glory all over our world and in nature. It is an adventure He gives to us to go and seek Him in our world and in our own heart. Enjoy playing hide and seek with God throughout your day today!


Proverbs 25:1-2 (NIV) “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter to search out a matter is the glory of kings. As the heavens are high and the earth is deep, so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.”



Parent Proverb #26: “Don’t Burn Someone with Your Words”

Gossip and drama is like firing flaming arrows into a crowd. You never know who you are going to hit or burn. Be care of your words and your reactions. Work hard today not to let the negative things people say get to you, but also be care not to be negative either.


Proverbs 26:18-22 (NIV) “Like a maniac shooting flaming arrows of death is one who deceives their neighbor and says, “I was only joking!” Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down as charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome person for kindling strife. The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts.”



Parent Proverb 27: “Defending You as My Child”

Living wisely and making good choices allows me to defend you and stand up for you when others try to talk badly about you. It brings me joy to watch how you are maturing and growing. I am proud to be your parent!


Proverbs 27:10-11 (NIV) “Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family, and do not go to your relative’s house when disaster strikes you—better a neighbor nearby than a relative far away. Be wise, my son, and bring joy to my heart; then I can answer anyone who treats me with contempt.”



Parent Proverb #28: “Praying for Your Friendships”

My heart’s desire for you is not be rich or successful, but to live a Godly life and have a good reputation. I want you to know God’s word inside and out. All of this is influenced by the people you hang out with. I am praying for your friendships.

Proverbs 28:5-7 (The Message) “Justice makes no sense to the evil-minded; those who seek God know it inside and out. It’s better to be poor and direct than rich and crooked. Practice God’s law—get a reputation for wisdom; hang out with the wrong crowd—embarrass your family.”



Parent Proverb #29: “Peace in Our Home”

I know there are times that I need to talk to you about your attitude and actions. I not trying to cause trouble or be hard are on you. I am trying to do my best as a parent to love you and raise you right. Even in the hard times, I am still proud of you and how God is working in your life.

Proverbs 29:15-16 (NIV) “A rod and a reprimand impart wisdom but a child left undisciplined disgraces its mother.

When the wicked thrive, so does sin, but the righteous will see their downfall. Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.”

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Parent Proverb #30: “Thank You for Being Respectful”

There are those people that are disrespectful to their parents. They think they are too good to be put in their place by anyone, including their family. Thank you for being respectful and listening to the wisdom I am trying to share with you.

Proverbs 30:11-13 (NIV) “There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers; those who are pure in their own eyes and yet are not cleansed of their filth; those whose eyes are ever so haughty, whose glances are so disdainful;”

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Parent Proverb #31: “You are An Answer to My Prayers”

Thanks for listening to these words over the last 31 days. You are truly an answer to my prayers. I pray that you will allow God to guide you today, tomorrow and the rest of your life. Give your best to Him and not to the things that this world is chasing.

Proverbs 31:2-3 (NIV) “Listen, my son! Listen, son of my womb! Listen, my son, the answer to my prayers! Do not spend your strength on women (men), your vigor on those who ruin kings.”

