

Foundation of wisdom (ESV)

'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.' (1:7)

Selected proverbs on family

Husbands and wives:

- 1) 'An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.' (31:10)
- 2) 'House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.' (19:14)
- 3) 'An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones.' (12:4)
- 4) '...a wife's quarrelling is a continual dripping of rain.' (19:13)
- 5) 'It is better to live in a corner of a housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.' (21:9)
- 6) '...the adulteress with her smooth words...forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God;' (2:16-17)
- 7) 'Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.' (5:18-19)
- 8) 'Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.' (4:8-9)

Parents and children:

- 9) 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.' (1:7-9)
- 10) 'Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence. The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.' (15:32-33)

- 11) 'He who loves wisdom makes his father glad...' (29:3a)
- 12) 'My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments...' (3:1)
- 13) '...keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye...' (7:2)
- 14) 'Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not set your heart on putting him to death.' (19:18)
- 15) 'Discipline your son and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.' (29:27)
- 16) 'Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.' (13:24)
- 17) 'My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.' (3:11-12)
- 18) 'Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.' (22:15)
- 19) 'A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.' (13:1)
- 20) 'He who does violence to his father and chases away his mother is a son who brings shame and reproach.' (19:26)
- 21) 'If one curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in utter darkness.' (20:20)
- 22) 'He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.' (10:5)

Colossians 3:18-21

'Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.'