



What Can Parents Teach Children About Living Godly Lives Today? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: What can we, as parents, teach our children about living godly lives today?

REPLY: Nothing can beat the reality of God-given wisdom from Solomon in **Proverbs 1:1-9:18**. Children should learn how to wisely live life, and what pitfalls to avoid.

A. Wisdom Stands **Proverbs 1:2 - 7:27**

1. There are five ways a "proverb" helps **1:2-4**
2. Goal of life, and the means to goal repeated **1:5-7; 9:10**
3. Listen to your parents, not to a "gang" **1:8-19**
4. Listen to true Wisdom everywhere **1:20-33**
5. **If you listen to wisdom:**
 - a. You will be given it by God **2:1-9**
 - b. You will be delivered from:
 - 1) teachers of perverse ideas **2:10-15**
 - 2) the immoral woman **2:16-22**

6. Holding on to wisdom leads one to:

- a. Completely trust God **3:1-6**
- b. Be humble **3:7-8**
- c. Give God His portion of our earnings first **3:9-10**
- d. Learn from Lord's dealings with us **3:11-12**
- e. See all the benefits of being wise **3:13-18**
- f. See God's wisdom in the Creation **3:19-20**
- g. Be confident throughout life **3:21-26**
- h. Treat one's neighbor uprightly **3:27-30**
- i. Not envy the ways of the wicked **3:31-35**

7. Listen to a father's instruction, for it should:

- a. Make wisdom your principal purpose **4:1-9**
- b. Help you see what your parents learned **4:10-19**
- c. Help you to know how to focus on what's right **4:20-27**
- d. Keep you faithful to the wife of your youth **5:1-23**

8. Hasty misjudgments of youth:

- a. Agree to help a "friend" you don't know **6:1-5**
- b. Mistaking leisure for laziness **6:6-11**
- c. Not knowing a worthless person when you see one **6:12-15**
- d. Doing what God hates **6:16-19**
- e. Thinking adultery is easily forgiven and forgotten **6:20-35**
- f. Offering your body to an immoral woman **7:1-27**

B. Wisdom Speaks Proverbs 8:1 - 9:18

1. Publicly **8:1-5**
2. Plainly **8:6-9**
3. Preciously **8:10-11**
4. Prudently **8:12-21**
5. Powerfully **8:22-36**
6. Protectively **9:1-6**
7. Principally **9:7-12**
8. Purely **9:13-18**

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