

# Proverbs: Wisdom for Living

## *Family Matters*

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**Proverbs 10:1** A wise child brings joy to a father; a foolish child brings grief to a mother.

**Proverbs 13:1** A wise child accepts a parent's discipline; a mocker refuses to listen to correction.

**Proverbs 13:24** Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.

**Proverbs 19:18** Discipline your children while there is hope. Otherwise you will ruin their lives.

**Proverbs 22:6** Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

## Getting to the Heart of the **matter**

*Child-centered*

*Christ-centered*

*Marriage-centered*

***Wives, follow their husband's leadership.***

**Colossians 3:18** Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord.

***Husbands, love their wife unconditionally.***

**Colossians 3:19** Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

***Children, obey your parents.***

**Colossians 3:20** Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord.

***Parents, don't provoke your children to wrath.***

**Colossians 3:21** Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.

***Mutual Submission.***

**Ephesians 5:21** Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

## Getting to the Heart of **BEHAVIOR**

- **The HEART is the control center for life.**

**Proverbs 4:23** Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life

- **Behavior is an EXPRESSION of the of the heart.**

**Luke 6:45** The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

*Key Point: Behavior is not the basic issue, it is always what is going on in the heart.*

*Hypocrisy: A change in behavior that does not stem from a change in heart is not commendable; it is condemnable. In Matthew 15, Jesus denounces the Pharisees who have honored Him with their lips while their hearts were far from Him. All behavior is linked to some attitude of the heart.*

- **DISCIPLINE must address attitudes of the heart.**

*Parenting styles:*

*Unconditional Love with Boundaries*

*Conditional Love without Boundaries*

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7** Love is patient, love is kind... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.