

Getting It Right

FAMILY THEME: Wisdom in Righteous Living

STUDY TEXT: Proverbs 23:24-25; 19:1; 29:23; 5:1-8

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Proverbs 23:24-25

Learn and obey God's Word and teach our children to do the same. We should never be satisfied just "doing the best we can" for ourselves. If God blesses us with children, we should do all we can to help them grow into wise believers. We learn wisdom in much the same way we learn anything else: through persevering effort. There is no easy way to learn algebra or grammar. We have to make efforts. Nor is there any easy way to acquire wisdom. We will need to make the effort to learn God's Word and to teach it to our children. **Discussion:**

- What steps could we take to actively grow in our knowledge of God's Word?
- What are some ways in which we can seek to teach the principles of God's Word to our children and grandchildren?

Proverbs 19:1

Always be truthful and do what is right even when no one is looking. The practice of honesty and integrity demonstrates that the child of God is growing more and more like Christ. It brings fulfillment to us and serves as a witness in a culture that fosters dishonesty. We can choose to honor God by doing the right thing in every circumstance we face. We can choose to be truthful even when it hurts. We can do the right thing even when no one is looking. After all, God is always looking. **Discussion:**

- What are some examples of dishonesty and deception in our culture?
- What are some examples of how we can display integrity in our daily lives?

Proverbs 29:23

Humble ourselves by remembering how much we need the Lord. Proverbs 16:18 tells us that pride goes before destruction, and that haughtiness precedes a fall. We generally experience pride in comparison or contrast to someone else. The person with too much pride in his or her accomplishments will tend to downplay the accomplishments of others. Do we really dare to believe that we did it all, and owe nothing to anyone or anything else? What do we have that we do not owe to God? Once we understand how much we depend on God for the most important factors for success in life (basic intelligence, health, friends, social and legal environment, customers, equipment, and on and on), we should be able to see that pride is a despicable trap. **Discussion:**

- Why is it accurate for us to say that we owe everything to God?
- How can we guard against pride?

Proverbs 5:1-8

Stay sexually pure by avoiding and turning away from sexual temptation. Our society is confused, perverted, and actively destroying itself over these issues. In addition, we have our own natural tendencies to deal with and master. It all makes for a very dangerous mix. Purity— faithfulness to God’s standard of sexual activity only between husband and wife—must become our ideal if it is not already. We must heed the words of Proverbs, and actively avoid sexual immorality, not merely ignore it.

Discussion:

- What might avoiding sexual temptation entail?
- What are some examples of how accountability can help us stay pure?