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Sermon: "Wisdom of a Godly Home"

Scripture: Selections from Proverbs

Introduction

- The Christian home and family are under heavy satanic attack today.
- Satan knows if he can destroy the very foundation of the home and family he has us where he wants us - defeated!
- **Christians, we are in a spiritual warfare.**
- God's kind of wisdom can allow the Christian home to function and run like a fine tuned and oiled machine.
- Each member of the family has a unique responsibility given by God.

I. A godly home reveals the faith of a wise husband and father.

➤ Proverbs 24:3-4

³ By wisdom a house is built,
and through understanding it is established;
⁴ through knowledge its rooms are filled
with rare and beautiful treasures.

➤ Proverbs 14:26-27

²⁶ He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress,
and for his children it will be a refuge.
²⁷ The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
turning a man from the snares of death.

➤ Proverbs 30:18-19

¹⁸ "There are three things that are too amazing for me,
four that I do not understand:
¹⁹ the way of an eagle in the sky,
the way of a snake on a rock,
the way of a ship on the high seas,
and the way of a man with a maiden.

➤ Proverbs 5:15-19

¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern,
running water from your own well.
¹⁶ Should your springs overflow in the streets,
your streams of water in the public squares?
¹⁷ Let them be yours alone,
never to be shared with strangers.
¹⁸ May your fountain be blessed,
and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.
¹⁹ A loving doe, a graceful deer—
may her breasts satisfy you always,
may you ever be captivated by her love.

- Man's first responsibility is to God.

- Man's first responsibility on the human level is to his own wife.

II. A godly home deserves the nurture of a wise wife and mother.

- Proverbs 19:14, "Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the LORD."
- Proverbs 18:22, "He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD."
- Proverbs 14:1, "The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down."
- Proverbs 21:9, "Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife."

➤ Proverbs 31:10-31

- 10 A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
- 11 Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.
- 12 She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.
- 13 She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.
- 14 She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.
- 15 She gets up while it is still dark;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her servant girls.
- 16 She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.
- 18 She sees that her trading is profitable,
and her lamp does not go out at night.
- 19 In her hand she holds the distaff
and grasps the spindle with her fingers.
- 20 She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.
- 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household;
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.
- 22 She makes coverings for her bed;
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
- 23 Her husband is respected at the city gate,
where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.
- 24 She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with sashes.
- 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.

26 She speaks with wisdom,
 and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
 27 She watches over the affairs of her household
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.
 28 Her children arise and call her blessed;
 her husband also, and he praises her:
 29 "Many women do noble things,
 but you surpass them all."
 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
 but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
 31 Give her the reward she has earned,
 and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

- A woman's first responsibility is to GOD.
 - ⇒ second, to her husband
 - ⇒ third, to her children
- She knows love can accomplish more than nagging.
- She helps her husband in the religious education of children.

III. A godly home promotes the heritage of wise children.

- Proverbs 22:6, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."
- Proverbs 1:8-9
 - 8 Listen, my son, to your father's instruction
 and do not forsake your mother's teaching.
 - 9 They will be a garland to grace your head
 and a chain to adorn your neck.
- Proverbs 4:1-4
 - 1 Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction;
 pay attention and gain understanding.
 - 2 I give you sound learning,
 so do not forsake my teaching.
 - 3 When I was a boy in my father's house,
 still tender, and an only child of my mother,
 - 4 he taught me and said,
 "Lay hold of my words with all your heart;
 keep my commands and you will live.
- Proverbs 10:1, "The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother."
- Proverbs 23:13-14
 - 13 Do not withhold discipline from a child;
 if you punish him with the rod, he will not die.
 - 14 Punish him with the rod
 and save his soul from death.
- Proverbs 22:6 has often been misinterpreted
- Proverbs 10:1 is a study in contrasts:

- ⇒ Parents rejoice in the successes of their children.
- ⇒ The foolishness of children brings heaviness of heart to their parents.
- God is not advocating cruelty to children in 23:13-14.
 - ⇒ Appropriate, loving discipline has never injured a child.
 - ⇒ A well-disciplined child is always a pleasure to the parent. Proverbs 29:17, "Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul."

Conclusion

Here's God's wisdom of home and family:

1. A godly home reveals the faith of a wise husband and father.
2. A godly home deserves the nurture of a wise wife and mother.
3. A godly home promotes the heritage of wise children.

God's way is still best!