

# Proverbs: Wisdom for Living

## *Family Matters 2*

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

### **The Heart Of The Matter = A *Christ*Centered Home**

**Proverbs 4:23** Above all else, guard your heart, for it affects everything you do.

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

#### *Key Point:*

*BEHAVIOR is not the basic issue,  
it is always what is going on in the HEART.*

#### *Parenting Syles:*

*UNconditional Love WITH Boundaries.  
Conditional Love withOUT Boundaries.*

### **10 Ways to Shepherd a Child's HEART:**

- Give them **SAFETY and SECURITY.**
- Give them **LOVE.** "Children need to experience your affection, acceptance, a sense of belonging, and love for Christ."
- Give them **ATTENTION.** "Quantity time, not just quality time"
- Give them **SPACE.** "Children need freedom to succeed and freedom to fail."
- Give them **an EXAMPLE.** "Live out you values, consistently."
  
- Give them **DIRECTION.**

**Psalms 32:8** The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

- Give them **BOUNDARIES.** "Boundaries are not negative, they are positive"
- Give them **RESPONSIBILITY.** "Teaching children to accept and carry out responsibility is a key factor in building healthy Christ esteem."
- Give them **DISCIPLINE.**

**Proverbs 3:11-12** My child, don't reject the LORD's discipline, and don't be upset when he corrects you. For the LORD corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.

- Give them **BIBLICAL INSTURUCTION.** "A *personal* relationship with Jesus Christ"

### **God Is Able**

**Ephesians 3:20** Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope.

## Family Is A Place Of Hope

**Proverbs 14:26** "Reverence for the Lord gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security."

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10** "Two are better than one... If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad because there's no one to help him."

**Ecclesiastes 4:12** "One standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer."

## God Wants You To Be Part Of His Family

**Matthew 11:28-30** Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls.

**1 John 1:9** But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.

**John 1:12** But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.