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## TREASURING WISDOM

# The Challenge of Raising Godly Sons

## Proverbs 2

### 1. The address is to a **son**

*Proverbs 2:1*

My son [*ben*], if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, . . .

*Matthew 3:17*

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

*Luke 9:35*

And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

### My **Son**

Proverbs 1:8

Proverbs 1:10

Proverbs 1:15

Proverbs 2:1

Proverbs 3:1

Proverbs 3:11

Proverbs 3:21

Proverbs 4:3

Proverbs 4:10

Proverbs 4:20

Proverbs 5:1

Proverbs 5:20

Proverbs 6:1

Proverbs 6:3

Proverbs 6:20

Proverbs 7:1

Proverbs 19:27

Proverbs 23:15

Proverbs 23:19

Proverbs 23:26

Proverbs 24:13

Proverbs 24:21

Proverbs 27:11

Proverbs 31:2

A) This Father is in **talking** distance with his son, not shouting distance

*Exodus 33:11*

So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

B) This Father is in **walking** distance with his son, not far away

*Genesis 3:8*

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

C) This Father is in **loving** distance with his son, not lukewarm (Revelation 3:16)

*John 3:35*

The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

D) This Father is in **modeling** distance, displaying a godly man

*Matthew 5:48*

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

*Proverbs 2:1*

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## 2. Fathers help their sons reject **anti-God** worldviews

*John 10:10*

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.”

## 3. Fathers show their sons proper **authority**

*Genesis 3:1*

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”

*Psalms 11:3*

If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

## 4. Fathers, **speak and live** out truth before your sons before it's too late

*Proverbs 2:2-4*

<sup>2</sup> So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; <sup>3</sup> Yes, if you cry out for discernment and lift up your voice for understanding, <sup>4</sup> if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; . . .

*2 Corinthians 5:10*

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

## 5. Show your sons that **Wisdom** comes from God

*Proverbs 2:5-6*

<sup>5</sup> Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; . . .

## 6. Show your son a **righteous** example

*Proverbs 2:7-9*

<sup>7</sup> He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; <sup>8</sup> He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints. <sup>9</sup> Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path.

*1 Corinthians 11:1*

Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

*Proverbs 2:10-11*

<sup>10</sup> When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, <sup>11</sup> discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you, . . .

## 7. The **benefits** of wisdom for young men from godly fathers

*Proverbs 2:12-13*

<sup>12</sup> To deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things, <sup>13</sup> from those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, . . .

## 8. The consequences of **not listening** to the wisdom of godly fathers

*Proverbs 2:14-19*

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