

② Parents are to speak w. the delegated authority and representing the Living Θ ✓

☞ "my teaching" (2), "my words" (4),
"my commandment, and live" (4), "my words" (10),
"my words... my sayings" (20).

➔ Parents you embody the presence + words of the Covenant Θ to your children!

- ☑ great wounds parents inflict when their words + actions don't represent/reflect Θ
- ☑ great sin when children/youth rebel + despise parents' words + presence

Zoom in...

③ Parents are to guide (more than merely words) away from all evil + towards Wisdom = Moral education, moral character

➔ Get Wisdom (5)... Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. The beginning of wisdom is this: get Wisdom... 4:5-9

➔ Avoid Evil wicked... way of evil (14, 24ff)

Metaphor of the PATHS... the many paths of evil "all evil" (4:27)

📖 Vision for Covenant Nurture... CASE

1. God binds himself to His Covenant people and their children; we are to raise our children in the "discipline + instruction" of the LORD. Why? ↘

2. Every family worships + serves something. Only Θ is worthy of our family's worship; we must tear down "family idols" and set up the worship of Θ in our family. Who? ↘

3. Parents are to guide their children in the worship and service of Θ by leading them to Jesus Joshua

☞ Proverbs 4

① Θ has given to parents the jurisdiction to lead "Hear, O sons, a father's instruction"

- ☑ Meaning of Jurisdiction
- ☑ WLC ▶ Superior (leader), inferior (follower), equal
- ☑ Leaders are responsible to speak what is right "good precepts" (4:2)

④ Parents are to seek "shepherd" (Tripp) their children's heart.

☰☰ 4:4 "let your heart hold fast my words..." "keep them within your heart (4:21)..."
"keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." (4:23)

- ☑ going for nothing less than the ♥ Why?
- ☑ the heart is the "springs of life"

Now we see in stark contrast how the Christian practice of covenant nurture is radically different than post-modern relativistic...
Don't you long for parents to pursue your ♥
But you might counter, I find smug, self-righteous, we've-got-it-right Christians repulsive!
Good... so do I ... Also radically different than "religious parenting"

⑤ Parents lead children to Jesus

☰☰ Father leads Son to WISDOM Personified
IN NT WISDOM ▶ JESUS

Secular ▶ See, we're moral shipwrecks, need a Savior!
Christian Parents ▶ See the beauty JESUS will create in your child 4:8-9