

THE WAY OF THE WISE

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WISE: LISTENS TO ADVICE

SCRIPTURE:

Proverbs 19:20; 1:8-9; 1 Kings 12:1-17; Proverbs 12:15; 1 Samuel 25:1-35 (Proverbs 14:16; 2 Kings 12:1-2)

KEY VERSE:

Proverbs 19:20—Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.

KEY THEMES:

- † The wise person listens to advice and accepts instruction
- † Good advice points a person toward God and what is good and right; bad suggestions point a person toward what is bad and wrong
- † God sometimes warns us against wrongdoing through the good advice of others
- † Listening to advice and accepting instruction is a matter of right heart attitudes

THIS WEEK:

Discuss with your child the heart attitudes that make listening to advice hard (pride, feeling of inferiority, anger, perfectionism, rebellion, etc.) Explain to your child that in order to listen to advice, a person must have a right heart attitude. Share with your child the heart attitudes you struggle with that make it hard for you to accept advice. Encourage your child to share his heart barriers to listening to advice. Pray for each other. (Or discuss this as a family and pray for each other.)

Explain to your family that it is easier to receive advice from some people than from others. Note people that is easy and people that it is difficult to receive advice from. What is the difference in the approach of these people? Discuss the manner of giving advice that makes it hard to receive and the manner than makes it easy to receive. (What manner encourages right heart attitudes on the part of the hearer, and what manner discourages right heart attitudes on the part of the hearer?) Practice ways in which you can give advice in a gentle, humble manner.

Encourage each other when you see another person graciously giving or accepting advice.

Help your child with his proverbs reading and memorizing.

Encourage your child to continue putting the proverbs into practice and filling out his charts until they are completed.