The Wisdom of a Father

Proverbs 3:5–6

"avoiding the highway to hell"

"the foolish woman and the highway to hell."

1 Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight,

2 for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching.

3 When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,

4 he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

6 Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you.

7 The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.

8 Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.

9 She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."

I. The Father's Plea: Listen

II. The Father's Promise: Conditional

III. The Father's Foundation: The Lord

IV. The Father's Function: An Example

V. The Father's Wisdom for Life

1 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,

5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

2 It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

26 My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.

Proverbs 23:26

more is caught than taught

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5–6

6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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3 For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil,

5 Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol;

8 Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house,

10 lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner,

1 My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, have given your pledge for a stranger,

2 if you are snared in the words of your mouth, caught in the words of your mouth,

3 then do this, my son, and save yourself, for you have come into the hand of your neighbor: go, hasten, and plead urgently with your neighbor.

4 Give your eyes no sleep and your eyelids no slumber;

5 save yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9