

A) SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title

How to Be Good at Family
Selected Proverbs

Slide 2:

Proverbs 2:16–17 (ESV)

So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman,
from the adulteress with her smooth words,
who forsakes the companion of her youth
and forgets the covenant of her God;

Proverbs 3:11–12 (ESV)

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
for the LORD reproves him whom he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 5:18–20 (ESV)

Let your fountain be blessed,
and rejoice in the wife of your youth,
a lovely deer, a graceful doe.
Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;
be intoxicated always in her love.
Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman
and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?

Proverbs 18:22(ESV)

He who finds a wife finds a good thing
and obtains favor from the LORD.

Slide 3:

Proverbs 20:20(ESV)

If one curses his father or his mother,
his lamp will be put out in utter darkness.

Proverbs 22:15(ESV)

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,
but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

Proverbs 23:22–25 (ESV)

Listen to your father who gave you life,
and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Buy truth, and do not sell it;
buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.
The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice;
he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.
Let your father and mother be glad;
let her who bore you rejoice.

Slide 4:

Hard to address this issue substantially because:

- 1) Deep hurts
- 2) Complexity of the modern family

Slide 5:

I. Spouse to Spouse

II. Parents to Children/Children to Parents

Slide 6:

Spouse to Spouse

- 1) Covenant
- 2) Romantic Passion
- 3) Friendship

Slide 7:

Covenant

"who forsakes the companion of her youth
and forgets the **covenant** of her God..."

Slide 8:

Marriage is intended to be a life sentence

Slide 9:

Passion

"Let your fountain be blessed,
and rejoice in the wife of your youth,
a lovely deer, a graceful doe.
Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;
be intoxicated always in her love."

Slide 10:

Friendship

"who forsakes the **companion** of her youth
and forgets the covenant of her God..."

ALPH (Aw-loof) = Intimate friendship (best/closest)

Slide 11:

All 3 together = Gospel Re-enactment

Slide 12:

Ephesians 5:25–27 (ESV)

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor...

Slide 13:

Parent to Child

"Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,
but the rod of discipline drives it far from him."
"The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice;
he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him."

Slide 14:

Primary Relationship: Instill Wisdom

Slide 15:

Instilling Wisdom expresses "delight."

"My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
for the LORD reproves him whom he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights."

Slide 16:

Child to Parent

"My son, do not despise..."
Do not: resent, be weary, become bitter, turn away, etc.

Slide 17:

Primary Relationship: Honor the Parents

"Make their leadership a joy and not a burden!"

Slide 18:

The Gospel provides the ultimate Parent/Child example

B) COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1) Why, in your opinion, do family relationships have so much power for good or harm in our lives?

2) Spouse to Spouse Relationship

Proverbs mentions 3 areas foundational to a Marriage Relationship. Take a look at each one and discuss why they are important, and how we get "off-track" in each.

a) Covenant (not the promise of how I feel, but who I will be forever)

b) Passion ("fountain be blessed") (For the Brave! How does Proverbs 15:17, 21:9, 21:19, 25:24 relate? An adulterous woman doesn't care if the shoes aren't picked up! How close is respect and romance for men?)

c) Friendship (intimate friendship, best friend)

3) Parent to Child Relationship

Proverbs mentions the instillation of Wisdom as the basis for this relationship.

How is this different than:

a) Moral control and training

b) Affirmation and love

4) Child to Parent Relationship

Proverbs mentions Honor as the basis of this relationship. How is this different than:

a) Obedience

b) "Liking" your parents as friends

5) How does the Gospel inform all of these?

1) Spouse to Spouse

2) Parent to Child

3) Child to Parent

6) Praise and Prayer