

My Story

1. What sort of things can you remember doing as a child that pleased your parents? What things have your kids done which pleased you?

Digging Deeper

2. How can speaking what is right (v.16) be a sign of wisdom? What sorts of experiences can help us gain the wisdom necessary to speak rightly?
3. Why is a parent's emotional response tied so closely to their child's choices (v.15-16)? How does a wise life bring shared joy between generations (v.24-25)?

4. How does associating with drunkards and gluttons show a lack of wisdom (v.20-21)? How does this admonition fit with our commission to share the Gospel with sinners of all sorts?

Reflection

5. Do you ever find yourself tempted to envy the things non-Christians have or do (v.17)? What helps you to keep honoring God with obedience in those areas?
6. Why might a person be tempted to "sell" the truth by compromising their values (v.23)? How do you respond when God's truth challenges your comfort or preferences?

SERMON NOTES

Make Your Mama Proud – Proverbs 23:15-25

Taking the Next Step

Here are 7 action steps: 1) Pursue wisdom daily; 2) Speak what is right; 3) Avoid harmful influences; 4) Listen to wise instruction; 5) Value truth above trends; 6) Practice self-control; 7) Encourage others toward wisdom.

Praises / Prayer Requests

