A Father's Compendium of Proverbs for Life

MAIN POINT: Praise the Lord Who directs and uses Godly fathers.

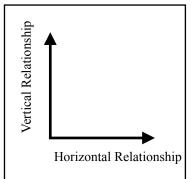
Introduction

While it is true that there are many fathers in the modern day who have failed in their duties to care for, protect, and lead their families, our Heavenly Father has given to us a compendium of truths for life contained within His Scriptures. Below are Scriptural truths for life that each earthly father can and ought to teach his children.

PROVERBS FOR LIFE

Concerning God

- 1. You owe your existence to the Creator. (Gen. 1:26–27)
- 2. God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. (Prov. 1:7)
- 3. Humans are called to find deep and abiding joy in the God who created them. (Isa. 61:10; Hab. 3:18)
- 4. You make time for what you love. (Matt. 6:21; 13:44)
- 5. Humans were created to exalt God. (Isa. 43:7)
- 6. Those made in the image of God are called to love God with the totality of their being. (Deut. 6:5)



Proverbs concern both the vertical (God-ward) relationship of a person, as well as the horizontal (man-ward) relationship of a person in life.

Concerning Man

- 1. Fathers are tasked with instructing their children concerning God and living a godly life. (Eph. 6:4)
- 2. Holding grudges against others leads to bitterness. (Lev. 19:18; Eph. 4:31; James 3:14)
- 3. Having wise friends will lead to the likelihood of a more successful life. (Prov. 12:26)
- 4. Words have power over people. (Prov. 18:21)
- 5. Wise people carefully choose their influences. (Prov. 12:26)
- 6. Constructive criticism will aid in growth and maturity. (Prov. 27:6, 17)
- 7. A good reputation is priceless. (Prov. 22:1)
- 8. Children who walk in wisdom are a crown of joy to their parents. (Prov. 29:3)
- 9. Self-control is a strength. (Gal. 5:23)
- 10. A wise person will guard his mouth. (Prov. 13:3; 17:28)
- 11. You can overcome evil with your righteous, humble responses. (Prov. 15:1; Rom. 12:21; Titus 3:2)
- 12. Sacrificial love befits followers of Christ. (John 15:13)

ENCOURAGEMENT TO GODLY FATHERS

- 1. A godly father guides his family.
- 2. A godly father treasures the Truth.
- 3. A godly father leaves a legacy.