

Think about how you talk about your parents. Are you showing personal wisdom by honoring them or are you focusing on their faults and your pain?

Write down two things you can honor your parents for today — whether it's to their faces, in your heart or in your speech.

Talk to God today about your relationship with your parents. Pray for the wisdom to show them honor. Talk to God about the pain in your relationship with your parents. Pray that you will know God's comfort in your pain and that you will grow in your ability and desire to honor your parents.

Friday

Please read Proverbs 3:12, Ephesians 5:25 & Hebrews 12:5–7. None of us is absolutely wise in our relationships so this can all seem a bit overwhelming. You may be thinking, “You don't know my past!” or, “You don't know my spouse!” What clues do you see in these verses when comes to hope that you can act wisely in your relationships?

Spend an extended time in prayer today. Pray over the obstacles you face when it comes to wisdom in relationships. Ask God to reveal to you ways you can choose to act in wisdom today. Pray that as you grow in wisdom you will also grow more in love with Jesus and that your relationships will be impacted for the better!

Saturday

Please read Proverbs 8:32–36. Write down three ways studying the book of Proverbs has impacted your thoughts and actions.

Thank God today for the opportunity to study Proverbs. Pray that what you have learned will stay with you and you will continue to grow in wisdom. One easy way to keep studying Proverbs is read one chapter of Proverbs a day. There are 31 chapters in the book so it easily fits into a month!



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What Proverbs says about...

1. Spouse-to-Spouse Relationships

... who has left the **partner** of her youth and ignored the **covenant** she made before God. *Proverbs 2:17*

• It's a relationship based on _____

“Covenant” = _____

• It's a relationship based on _____

“Partner” = Your most _____ and _____ friend

• It's a relationship based on _____

A loving doe, a graceful deer — may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love. *Proverbs 5:19*

• It's a relationship based on _____

Her children arise and call her **blessed**; her husband also, and he praises her... *Proverbs 31:28*

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, to sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot of wrinkle or any such thing, but that she would be holy and blameless. *Ephesians 5:25–27*

2. Parent-to-Child Relationships

• The main purpose of parenting is to make your children _____

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

Buy the truth and do not sell it —
wisdom, instruction and insight as well.

The father of a righteous child has great joy;
a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.

May your father and mother rejoice;

may she who gave you birth be joyful! *Proverbs 23:22–25*

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline,
and do not resent his rebuke,
because the Lord disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in. *Proverbs 3:11–12*

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,
but the **rod of discipline** will drive it far away. *Proverbs 22:15*

“Discipline” = _____

“Rod” = _____

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. *Proverbs 22:6 ESV*

3. Child-to-Parent Relationships

“Do not despise...” The opposite of *despise* is _____

5 Ways to Honor Your Parents (Tim Keller)

1. Find appropriate _____ to show honor.
2. Don't underestimate their need to see themselves _____ in you.
3. Let them _____.
Don't stereotype them into irrelevance.
4. _____ them.
5. Be _____ from them.

If someone curses their father or mother, their lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness. *Proverbs 20:20*

How Can I Do This?

... just as Christ **loved** the church and **gave Himself** up for her...
Ephesians 5:25

... the Lord disciplines those he loves, **as a father** the son he **delights** in.
Proverbs 3:11–12

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Monday

Please read Proverbs 3:3. Why do you think it's important to have both love and faithfulness in your relationships? (Think about how both God's love and faithfulness have impacted you for some ideas!)

What relationship(s) are you struggling with most in right now? How would you hope to see love and faithfulness impact that relationship?

How will you remind yourself (“write them on the tablet of your heart”) of the importance of love and faithfulness today?

Thank God today for His love and faithfulness to you. Pray that you'll imitate that in your relationships. Talk to God about the relationship(s) you're struggling with. Ask Him to give you creative ways to both remember and live love and faithfulness in those relationships.

Tuesday

Please read Proverbs 2:16–17, 5:19 31:21 & Ephesians 5:25–27. We talked on the weekend about marriage being based on a covenant, a friendship, passion and a ministry mind-set. How do the scripture passages you read today give an example of that?

How do you need wisdom in your relationship with your spouse? (If you're not married, write down how you've seen the impact of wisdom in marriages around you.)

How will you act in wisdom in your marriage (or other close relationship) today?

Thank God today for your spouse. Pray that your actions and words will demonstrate a friendship, passion, commitment and desire to serve them. Ask God for wisdom for the situations you are going to face today. (He knows what they are and He knows what you need!)

Wednesday

Please read Proverbs 3:11–12, 17:6 & 22:6. What do these verses tell you about the importance of wise parents?

How has the wisdom of a parent (or older mentor) impacted your life?

If you are a parent, in what areas do you currently feel like you're lacking wisdom when it comes to your kids? Please read James 1:5. What's the solution when you lack wisdom?

Thank God today for being the ultimate example of a wise, loving father. Talk to Him about the areas where you feel like you're lacking wisdom. Ask God for wisdom. Pray that James 1:5 will be granted in your life.

Thursday

Please read Proverbs 20:20, 23:22–25 & 30:17. How do these verses say we are to treat our parents?

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Memory Verse

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
Proverbs 3:3