

A TOPICAL STUDY OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Lesson 11

SECTION : YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS

TOPIC: You and Your Family

INTRODUCTION

When we look around us, it seems like the family structure is collapsing. The statistics paint a grim picture for the future of the family. How do we find the plan for our families as Christians? We need wisdom - the timeless counsel from God's Word. This wisdom will equip us for the challenge of daily living.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

This part of your homework highlights the scriptures found in Proverbs on this topic. Write down key words or a summary thought on some or all of the following verses:

CHILDREN

Anxiety over Children

Proverbs 10:1 _____
Proverbs 15:20b _____
Proverbs 17:25 _____
Proverbs 19:26 _____
Proverbs 28:24 _____

Blessings of Children

Proverbs 15:20a _____
Proverbs 17:6 _____
Proverbs 23:15,16 _____
Proverbs 29:3a _____

Training of Children

Proverbs 13:24 _____
Proverbs 19:18 _____
Proverbs 22:6 _____
Proverbs 22:15 _____
Proverbs 23:13,14 _____
Proverbs 29:15 _____
Proverbs 29:17 _____

Parental Instruction

Proverbs 1:8,9 _____
Proverbs 4:10-12 _____
Proverbs 4:20-27 _____
Proverbs 6:20-23 _____
Proverbs 13:1 _____

MARRIAGE

The Gracious Woman

- Proverbs 12:4a _____
- Proverbs 14:1 _____
- Proverbs 18:22 _____
- Proverbs 19:14 _____
- Proverbs 31:10-31 _____

The Contentious Woman

- Proverbs 12:4b _____
- Proverbs 19:13 _____
- Proverbs 21:9,19 _____
- Proverbs 27:15,16 _____

SCRIPTURE RESEARCH

This part of your homework gives additional Biblical references for this topic. Look up and comment on *at least* one verse in each topic. Allow the truth of the verses to sink in.

CHILDREN

- Genesis 18:19 _____
- Psalms 127:4,5 _____
- Psalms 128:3 _____
- Matthew 19:4 _____
- Mark 10:14 _____
- Ephesians 6:1-3 _____

PARENTS

- Deuteronomy 6:7 _____
- Deuteronomy 31:13 _____
- Judges 13:8 _____
- Psalms 78:1-8 _____
- Ephesians 6:4 _____
- I Timothy 3:4 _____
- Titus 2:4 _____

MARRIAGE

- Genesis 2:24 _____
- Mark 10:9 _____
- Ephesians 5:22 _____
- Colossians 3:19 _____
- Hebrews 13:4 _____
- I Peter 3:7 _____

SCRIPTURE REACTION

As you searched and researched the scriptures on this topic, which ones spoke most strongly to you?

As a parent, what help did you find in these verses for raising your children in the fear of the Lord?

As a wife, what did you learn about your attitudes in your relationship with your husband?

As a single person, what goals do you have for your family after your study of these verses?

SCRIPTURAL ACTION

What actions do you now need to incorporate into your life to fulfill your responsibility to these scriptures? What specific plans need to be made to bring you into proper alignment with God's Word? Using the verses that you read and studied, how do you plan to improve your marriage and family relationships? Enter your prayer for this plan in the prayer journal section of your notebook.

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SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

Study the following Biblical families. What did you discover about them? Write down the good and/or bad characteristics that you found.

Eli - I Samuel 2:12-17; 3:13

Samuel - I Samuel 8:1-3

Isaac - Genesis 18:18,19; 22:1-12

Father of the Prodigal - Luke 15:11-32

Timothy - 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

*Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;
by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
Proverbs 24:3-4*

SCRIPTURE REACTION

Reflect on the elements of joy found in the verses you searched and researched.

- What brings us joy?
- What is the difference between joy and happiness?
- How did Christ's example of sorrow minister to you?
- How is joy important in our witness for Christ?

SCRIPTURAL ACTION

In what areas of your life do you desire to be more joyful? What can we do to have joy?
What has brought joy to you?

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SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

Look up the following occasions of joy. What brought them joy? What did you learn from them?

Ezra 3:10-13 -

Matthew 2:7-11

Matthew 28:1-8

Luke 24:50-53

Acts 15:3

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

"Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength"
Nehemiah 8:10

