

Hear, my son, your fathers instruction...

**LESSONS FOR FATHERS FROM
THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

1) Fear of the Lord

- Proverbs 1:7

[7] The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;

fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- Proverbs 3:5-6

[5] Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

[6] In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

2) Protect Your Mind from Evil Influence

- Proverbs 3:3

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

- Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

3) Obey Your Parents

- Proverbs 4:10-11

Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.

I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

- Proverbs 4:20-21

My son, be attentive to my words;
incline your ear to my sayings.

Let them not escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.

4) Carefully Choose Your Companions

- Proverbs 1:10

My son, if sinners entice you,
do not consent.

- Proverbs 2:11-14

discretion will watch over you,
understanding will guard you,
delivering you from the way of evil,
from men of perverted speech,
who forsake the paths of uprightness
to walk in the ways of darkness,
who rejoice in doing evil
and delight in the perverseness of evil,

5) Keep Your Body under Control

- Proverbs 6:23-25

For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light,

and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life,

to preserve you from the evil woman,

from the smooth tongue of the adulteress.

Do not desire her beauty in your heart,

and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes;

⦿ (Proverbs 9:13-18 ESV)

The woman Folly is loud;

she is seductive and knows nothing.

She sits at the door of her house;

she takes a seat on the highest places of the town,

calling to those who pass by,

who are going straight on their way,

“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”

And to him who lacks sense she says,

“Stolen water is sweet,

and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”

But he does not know that the dead are there,

that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

◎ Proverbs 5:1-4

My son, be attentive to my wisdom;
incline your ear to my understanding,
that you may keep discretion,
and your lips may guard knowledge.
For the lips of a forbidden woman drip
honey,
and her speech is smoother than oil,
but in the end she is bitter as
wormwood,
sharp as a two-edged sword.

6) Take Pleasure in your Wife

- Proverbs 5:15-18

Drink water from your own cistern,
flowing water from your own well.

Should your springs be scattered abroad,
streams of water in the streets?

Let them be for yourself alone,
and not for strangers with you.

Let your fountain be blessed,
and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

7) Control Your Tongue

- Proverbs 4:24

Put away from you crooked speech,
and put devious talk far from you.

- Proverbs 5:2

that you may keep discretion,
and your lips may guard knowledge.

- Proverbs 6:12

A worthless person, a wicked man,
goes about with crooked speech,

◎ Proverbs 10:11

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,
but the mouth of the wicked conceals
violence.

◎ Proverbs 10:13-14

On the lips of him who has understanding,
wisdom is found,

but a rod is for the back of him who lacks
sense.

The wise lay up knowledge,

but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near.

8) Work Hard

- Proverbs 6:6-8

[6] Go to the ant, O sluggard;
consider her ways, and be wise.

[7] Without having any chief,
officer, or ruler,

[8] she prepares her bread in summer
and gathers her food in harvest.

- Proverbs 10:4

A slack hand causes poverty,
but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

9) Financial Responsibility

- Proverbs 6:1

My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor,

have given your pledge for a stranger,

- Proverbs 6:2-3

if you are snared in the words of your mouth,
caught in the words of your mouth,

then do this, my son, and save yourself,

for you have come into the hand of your neighbor:

go, hasten, and plead urgently with your neighbor.

- Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your
produce; then your barns will be filled
with plenty, and your vats will be
bursting with wine.

- Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your
heart will be also.

◎ If we invest instead of keep, if we invest in the eternal instead the temporal, we store up treasures in heaven that will never stop paying dividends.

~ Randy Alcorn

(The Treasure Principle)

◎ He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.

~Jim Elliot

● [The Parable of the Hidden Treasure]
(Matthew 13:44 ESV)

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

That is conversion: Faith and repentance

That is the Christian life: Faith and
repentance

That is what children need to see from their
father.