

The Wise vs. the Foolish Family

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Three Characteristics of a Wise Family;

Prioritize Peace

Weigh Words

Fear God

Prioritizes Peace

1. A quarrelsome person in your home must be controlled.
Proverbs 17:14; 18:19; 26:21
2. Do your part and leave the rest to God.
Proverbs 16:7

Weighs Words

The Positive Weight (Proverbs 16:24; 15:1)

Other Great Word verses: (Proverbs 10:19; 12:6; 13:3, 4; 17:28; 18:6)

Four "E" Things Not to Say

1. Extremes
2. Expletives
3. Equivocation
4. Eliminations

Five Things to Think Through Before You Speak

1. Is it true? Accurate? Exaggerated?
2. Is it loving?
3. Is it chosen?
4. Is it fair?
5. Is it time?

Fears God

Verse

Proverbs 1:7; 3:7 8:13

Those who do

Those who don't

Verse

Proverbs 10:27; 14:26-27

Advantages of Fearing God

Daily Bible Readings

June 1—7

Follow-Throughs

Monday to Friday

Is Your family fearing God? Read **Ephesians 5:21**. Do you find the "fear of the Lord" to be primarily an Old Testament command? What do you think it means? In this case, the reverential fear ("phobos") of God continually influences the Christian's disposition and attitude as they grow in the Lord. In the context of this verse, the believer's reverence for God is the basis of their submission to one another.

Read Exodus 1:17, in conjunction with **Acts 5:27-32**, and meditate on how the fear of God sometimes causes us to act outside of man's authority. In what areas of your life are you tempted to, or think you might be tempted, to set aside God's will in order to please man?

Is your family weighing its words? Read **Matthew 15:10-19**. One of the most difficult things to come to a grip with is that what comes out of our mouths is an accurate reflection of who we.

Using your words as a measuring stick, are there some areas in your life that need to be shored up. Take those to God today. Read **Colossians 3:5-17** for advice on how to do that.

Is your family prioritizing peace? I encourage you to meditate today on Paul's fruit of the flesh and spirit today. Prune the flesh and water the spirit. Read **Galatians 5:19-26**.

Warm-Ups

Saturday

I Thessalonians 5:12,13

Toward whom does Paul urge the Thessalonians to show respect? Pray today by name for leaders of our congregation, especially those whom you know best. Pray for peace: for them personally, for their homes, and for the parts of the church ministry that they lead.

Sunday

I Corinthians 16:5-18

Why was Paul concerned about Timothy's pending visit to Corinth? What other evidence do you know about the Corinthian church that indicated they had some issues regarding leadership? Who are some leaders toward whom you can express respect and appreciation today?