

# **Wisdom for Life from Proverbs**

## **(Lesson 4—Wisdom for Parents)**

**Introduction:** Nowhere is wisdom needed more than in training children. The proverbs contain many practical sayings about this important relationship.

**Lesson aim:** To discover wisdom about the parent-child relationship

### **The joy and glory of family**

1. How does Solomon show us the joy and glory of family life? (17:6)
2. We may delight or glory in the features of one's growth from young manhood to old age. What are those features? (20:29)

### **The joy of having wise children**

1. What impact does a foolish child's life have on his parents? (10:1; 17:25; 17:21) A wise one?
2. How does a foolish son treat his mother? (15:20)

### **Encouragement to train children to be wise**

1. What assurance does Solomon give to parents? (22:6)
2. What hope does the parent have who corrects his children? (29:17)

## **The use of discipline by reproof and by the rod in making a child wise**

1. What are parents urged to do to their children? (19:18) What happens to those children who do not receive it?
2. What does Solomon say about the child who gets his own way? (29:15) What antidote to this problem did he recommend?
3. How can a parent help a child overcome the "foolishness" children may display? (22:15)
4. Is physical discipline a manifestation of love? (13:24)
5. Discuss the modern trend away from corporal punishment for children. Is it Biblical? (23:13-14) How should parents react toward those who criticize their actions? When does discipline become abuse?