

Journey into GOD'S GRACE

Guides for Personal Bible Study with Pastor Mark Jeske



Godly Wisdom Is a Father's Legacy

SCRIPTURE VERSE

Proverbs 4: 1-9 Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning; so do not forsake my teaching...Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you...Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.

POINTS TO PONDER

- What kind of father do you have? Do you want to be like him as a father or different? Why?
- What is your definition of *manhood*? Has your definition changed after hearing this message?
- **Read Proverbs 9:10-12.** What must we as parents, fathers in particular, teach our children? Jesus is the Holy One. Knowing Jesus is the only way to heaven, we pass wisdom, joy, and happiness to our children. Give some practical ways you can teach your children about Jesus.
- Mothers, wives, sons, and daughters, how can you show your father and others around you that you believe in the importance of godly fatherhood?
- Future and current fathers, take this privilege and responsibility very, very seriously. You are the model of your heavenly Father to your children and others. Make it believable!

IN SUMMARY

In nearly half the homes in the United States, fatherhood isn't the way God intended it to be. Even our president came from an upbringing that didn't include his father for most of his life. Thankfully we have a loving God who is the perfect Father to us. He also gives us the guide to fatherly wisdom in his precious Word! Godly fathers teach their children how to have lives filled with wisdom, joy, and happiness. They do this by teaching their children to serve and respect God and to know Jesus and how he saved us. Fathers get to model this wisdom by continuing to walk with Jesus as godly examples to all! Thank God for being our perfect heavenly Father, and show your earthly father that you love him, whether he deserves it or not! Happy Father's Day!

FOR REFLECTION

You can dig deeper into your Bible by reading more about these truths from the lesson:

- **God, our Father!** Psalm 2:7; Psalm 68:5; Hebrews 12:1-13; James 1:17; 1 Peter 1:1-5
- **Be a man!** Psalm 103:13; Proverbs 19:18; Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 12:7-13
- **Fear the Lord!** Joshua 24:14,15; Job 28:28; 1 Samuel 12:24; Psalm 34:4,7,9; Psalm 111:10
- **Honor your father!** Exodus 20:12; Luke 2:51; Colossians 3:20

