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# PROVERBS



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*Wisdom for Living As Disciples*

# RECAP...

□ The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of knowledge & wisdom.

(Proverbs 1:7a ; Proverbs 9:10)

□ Pastor Dylan's helpful definition of fear =

*“a profound reverence and awe toward God coupled with  
a healthy awareness of the danger brought about by our sin”*

□ We see **two main voices** in the proverbs, **the voice of wisdom** and **the voice of folly/foolishness.**



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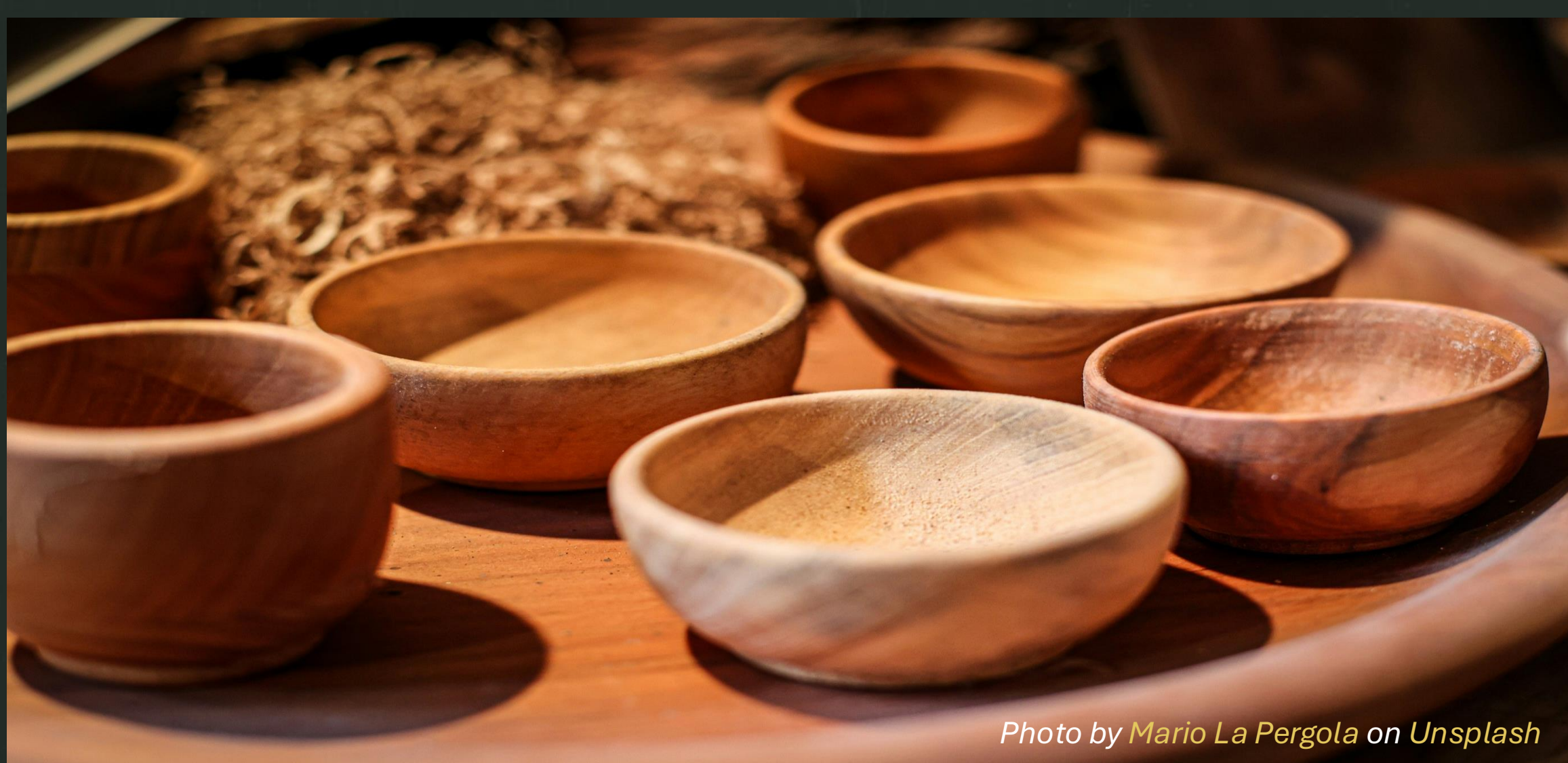


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- ❑ Remember **we are given the freedom to choose** to walk in the way of God's wisdom or instead seek the foolishness of sin.
- ❑ So **there exists a tension** between:
  - the way God designed the world (to be)
  - the way the world is (right now).



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### Proverbs 6:20-23

20 My son, keep your father's command  
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

21 Bind them always on your heart;  
fasten them around your neck.

22 When you walk, they will guide you;  
when you sleep, they will watch over you;  
when you awake, they will speak to you.

23 For this command is a lamp,  
this teaching is a light,  
and correction and instruction  
are the way to life,

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*(Proverbs 22:6; Proverbs 6:20-23)*

- ❑ **Parents - Don't try to outsource this completely!**
- ❑ **Remember this is YOUR primary responsibility – to teach and train YOUR children in the way they should go.**

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### HOW MIGHT WE TEACH THEM? Deuteronomy 6:6-9

<sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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### HOW MIGHT WE TEACH THEM? 2 Timothy 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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### **HOW MIGHT WE TEACH THEM?**

**(Deuteronomy 6:6-9; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)**

- You could start by attaching a time of Bible reading and prayer to another habit you do each day already.**
- The key is to make it a natural part of your family rhythm.**

# **Proverbs for wise parents.**

## **PRINCIPLE 2: SHOW THEM**

**Proverbs 23:26 (ESV)**

**My son, give me your heart,  
and let your eyes observe my ways.**



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Proverbs 20:7 (ESV)

*The righteous who walks in his integrity—  
blessed are his children after him!*

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- It can be a powerful example to our kids to show them what faith in God looks like on a daily basis.
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- Remember that consistency & integrity are of vital importance.

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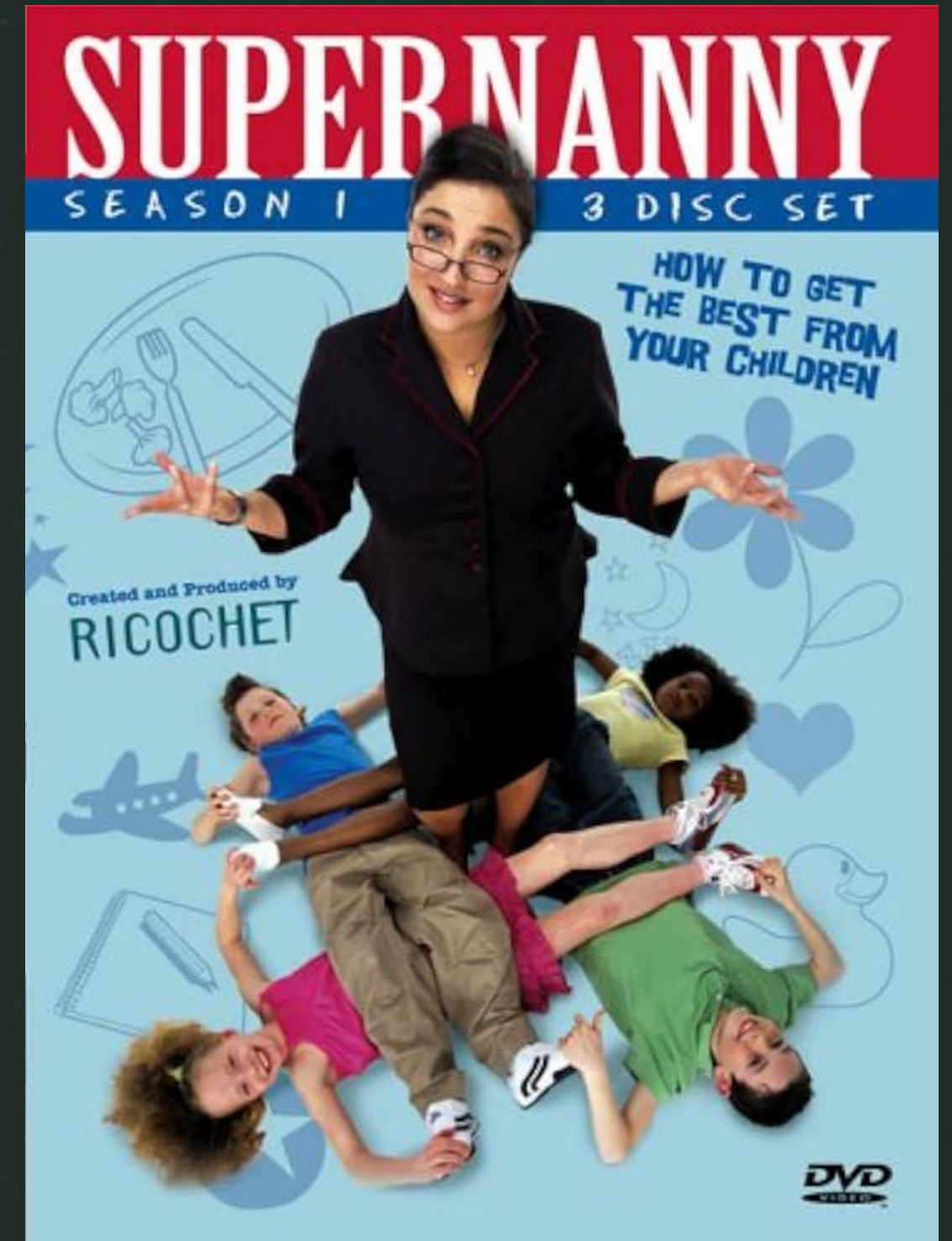
**Proverbs 29:17 (NIV)**

**Discipline your children, and they will give you peace;  
they will bring you the delights you desire.**

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Proverbs 22:15 (ESV);

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,  
but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

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- Parents should bring correction in love rather than out of anger or frustration.**

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# Proverbs for wise children.

## PRINCIPLE 1: HEAR THEM (Listen to your Parents)

### Proverbs 8:32-34a

<sup>32</sup> “Now then, my children, listen to me;  
blessed are those who keep my ways.

<sup>33</sup> Listen to my instruction and be wise;  
do not disregard it.

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**PRINCIPLE 3: HONOUR THEM (Honour your  
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**Proverbs 20:20 (NIV)**

**If someone curses their father or mother,  
their lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness.**

# Proverbs for wise children.

## PRINCIPLE 3: HONOUR THEM (Honour your Parents)

Proverbs 20:20 (NIV)

Ephesians 6:2-3

<sup>2</sup>“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—<sup>3</sup>“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” (cf. Deut 20:12)

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**Proverbs 20:20; Ephesians 6:2-3 (Cf. Deuteronomy 20:12)**

- How we honour our earthly parents can affect our destiny.**
- If we can't honour the parents we CAN see, we may be less likely to honour our Heavenly Father we CAN'T see.**
- God is the one (perfect) father from whom every family on earth derives its name. (Ephesians 3:13-14)**

# **Proverbs for wise children.**

**PRINCIPLE 1: HEAR THEM (Listen)**

**PRINCIPLE 2: HEED THEM (Obey)**

**PRINCIPLE 3: HONOUR THEM (Honour)**

# **Families can be hard.**

- It can be difficult being a parent or a child.
- Thankfully our Heavenly Father shows us how to live wisely as families in this world He has made.
- Not only that He sent his son, Jesus to model for us what it looks like to live like He intended.
- Jesus shows us how to live as His disciples!



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