

Parental Wisdom Is a Big Deal

Proverbs 6:20-35

According to Proverbs, parents' words are a big deal! See 1:8-9, 3:1-2, 4:1-9, 4:10, 4:20-22, 5:1-2, 6:20-22, 13:1, 15:5.

Our passage today: Proverbs 6:20-35

The issue in 6:24-35: Adultery (sexual sin)

- the allure is powerful (v25)
- 'don't play with fire' (v27-28)
- self-inflicted wound (v32)
- jealous husband may get violent (v34)
- *Two of the main issues in Proverbs 1-9: sex and money. Has anything changed?*

Let's think carefully: Who's truly responsible for a child in our society?

- Businesses? Educators? Government? etc.

Challenge to parents: your words matter!

- Without them, a famine for your child. (analogous to Amos 8:11)

What about Grandparents?

What about the church?

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. So much of Proverbs 1-9 comes in the form of *warnings* to a child -- for instance, about money, sex, violence, laziness, and more. Read all of Proverbs chapter 6.
 - a. Are warnings out of style today?
 - b. Bible question: are warnings 'less important' since Jesus has come? Did that change anything? Think about any relevant New Testament passages to answer this. Are there similar warning passages in the New Testament?
2. Parents uniquely 'own' responsibility for a child's entire well-being. But how can the church help? What is its role?
3. How can we as Christians assist and encourage parents in our broader society?