

A WISE CHILD

“A wise child brings joy to a father; a foolish child brings grief to a mother.”

(Proverbs 10:1, NLT)

“My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands. Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding.”

(Proverbs 2:1–2, NLT)

“Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.” (Proverbs 4:7, NLT)

*“My son, pay attention to my wisdom;
listen carefully to my wise counsel.
Then you will show discernment, and
your lips will express what you’ve
learned.”* (Proverbs 5:1–2, NLT)

“Follow my advice, my son; always treasure my commands. Obey my commands and live! Guard my instructions as you guard your own eyes. Tie them on your fingers as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Love wisdom like a sister; make insight a beloved member of your family.” (Proverbs 7:1–4, NLT)

“Listen as Wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice!”
(Proverbs 8:1, NLT)

“There is a kind of man who curses his father And does not bless his mother.”
(Proverbs 30:11, NASB95)

“...that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.” (2 Timothy 3:1–2, NLT)

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“Sensible children bring joy to their father; foolish children despise their mother.” (Proverbs 15:20, NLT)

“My child, if your heart is wise, my own heart will rejoice!”
(Proverbs 23:15, NLT)

“The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise.” (Proverbs 23:24, NLT)

“Be wise, my child, and make my heart glad.”
(Proverbs 27:11, NLT)

“The man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father...” (Proverbs 29:3, NLT)

“It is painful to be the parent of a fool; there is no joy for the father of a rebel.”

(Proverbs 17:21, NLT)

“Foolish children bring grief to their father and bitterness to the one who gave them birth.”

(Proverbs 17:25, NLT)

“A foolish child is a calamity to a father...”

(Proverbs 19:13, NLT)

“ My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don’t neglect your mother’s instruction.” (Proverbs 1:8, NLT)

“ My son, obey your father’s commands, and don’t neglect your mother’s instruction.” (Proverbs 6:20, NLT)

*“For I, too, was once my father’s son,
tenderly loved as my mother’s only
child. My father taught me, “Take my
words to heart. Follow my commands,
and you will live.”*

(Proverbs 4:3–4, NLT)

“Honor your father and mother.”
(Exodus 20:12, NLT)

“Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise.”
(Ephesians 6:1–2, NLT)

We are lazy

“He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.”

(Proverbs 10:5, NKJV)

We ignore their discipline

“To discipline a child produces wisdom, but a mother is disgraced by an undisciplined child.”
(Proverbs 29:15, NLT)

“A wise child accepts a parent’s discipline; a mocker refuses to listen to correction.”
(Proverbs 13:1, NLT)

“Only a fool despises a parent’s discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise.”

(Proverbs 15:5, NLT)

We mistreat them

“Children who mistreat their father or chase away their mother are an embarrassment and a public disgrace.” (Proverbs 19:26, NLT)

“If you insult your father or mother, your light will be snuffed out in total darkness.”
(Proverbs 20:20, NLT)

“Anyone who steals from his father and mother and says, “What’s wrong with that?” is no better than a murderer.” (Proverbs 28:24, NLT)

Disobey the law and hang out with
the wrong crowd

*“Young people who obey the law are
wise; those with wild friends bring
shame to their parents.”*

(Proverbs 28:7, NLT)

*“ My child, fear the LORD and the king.
Don’t associate with rebels, for
disaster will hit them suddenly. Who
knows what punishment will come
from the LORD and the king?”*

(Proverbs 24:21–22, NLT)