

SERIES: TO SEEK & TO SAVE THE FAMILY

"How to be the Parents of a Wise Child" (Proverbs 1:1-5; 20-22)

INTRODUCTION: If you like to underline key words in your Bible, underline these three words in verse 22: Simple, Scorners, and Fools. The leaders in America have destroyed the innocence of our children.

I. THE EVOLUTION OF A FOOLISH CHILD

A. THE SIMPLE (PROVERBS 1:22)

- Simple – Open or Naive. It is a description of the mind of a young child.
 1. HE LOVES HIS SIMPLICITY (PROVERBS 1:22).
 2. HE LACKS UNDERSTANDING (PROVERBS 9:1-4).
 3. HE IS EASILY LED INTO ERROR (PROVERBS 14:15).

B. THE SCORNER (PROVERBS 1:22)

- Scorer – Smart-Aleck or Cynical.
 1. HE DELIGHTS IN HIS SCORNING (PROVERBS 1:22).
 2. HE DEFIES INSTRUCTION (PROVERBS 13:1).
 3. HE DESPISES THE GODLY (PROVERBS 15:12)

C. THE FOOL (PROVERBS 1:22)

1. HE REJECTS WISDOM (PROVERBS 15:14)
2. HE RIDICULES RIGHTEOUSNESS (PROVERBS 14:9)
3. HE REJOICES IN INIQUITY (PROVERBS 15:20-21)

Isaiah 5:20, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Hebrews 12:6-7, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

II. THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WISE CHILD

A. EXPOUND SCRIPTURE (PROVERBS 1:1-4)

Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

B. EXPOSE SIN (PROVERBS 19:25)

Ecclesiastes 8:11, "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."

C. EXPEL SCORNERS (PROVERBS 13:20; 22:10)

D. EXPRESS SINCERE LOVE (PROVERBS 3:12)

1. BE GENTLE.
2. BE TRANSPARENT

"A good parent is transparent." – Adrian Rogers

3. BE AVAILABLE