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Our Earthly Fathers

Matthew 7:9-12 NIV ⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹² So ...

James 1:17 NIV Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Our Heavenly Father - A Father's Love For His Children

John 3:16 NIV For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2 Corinthians 6:18 NIV And, “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

The Prodigal Son Leaves Home

Proverbs 20:21 NIV An inheritance claimed too soon will not be blessed at the end.

The Prodigal Son Comes Home

Luke 15:17-24 NIV ¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. **“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.** ²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate ²⁴ **For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.**’ So they began to celebrate.

Our Heavenly Father's Words of Wisdom

4 Points:

1. Listen Proverbs 4:1-2 NIV ¹ Listen, my sons, to a father’s instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. ² I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching.

Proverbs 4:10 NIV Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.

2. Hold On Proverbs 4:13 NIV Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

3. Pay Attention Proverbs 4:20-22 NIV ²⁰ My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words.

²¹ Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; ²² for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body. ...

4. Guard Your Heart Proverbs 4:23 NIV Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Matthew 15:18-19 NIV ¹⁸ But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

Deuteronomy 5:16 NIV Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Notes from NIV Life Study Application Bible :

Perhaps the best way to honor believing parents is to pass on their Christ-honoring values to the next generation. Honoring involves all that sons and daughters do with their lives—the way they work and talk, the values they hold, the decisions they make, and how they influence others, including their own children.

Are you living in a way that honors them?