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The Proverbs Series

Relationships 101

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Proverbs 19:11-20 ¹¹A man's insight gives him patience, and his virtue is to overlook an offense. ¹²A king's rage is like the roar of a lion, but his favor is like dew on the grass. ¹³A foolish son is his father's ruin, and a quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping. ¹⁴Houses and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD. ¹⁵Laziness brings on deep sleep, and an idle soul will suffer hunger. ¹⁶He who keeps a commandment preserves his soul, but he who is careless in his ways will die. ¹⁷Kindness to the poor is a loan to the LORD, and He will repay the lender. ¹⁸Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be party to his death. ¹⁹A man of great anger must pay the penalty; if you rescue him, you will have to do so again. ²⁰Listen to counsel and accept discipline, that you may be wise the rest of your days. BSB

I. What can we learn from this passage?

- A. We must learn from our **experience** in dealing with others and put this knowledge into action. V.11
- B. We must live our lives in **submission** to the authorities over us. This leads to a happier life! V. 12
- C. The relationships within our **family** need to be holy and God honoring. They matter! V. 13-14
- D. We must strive for a **healthy** work ethic. V.15
- E. **Scripture** must guide all that we do and say. V.16
- F. We must resist having our hearts becoming hard toward those who are **disenfranchised**. V.17
- G. Love is not always giving in to what our kids **want** versus what they **need**. V.18
- H. We cannot continue to try and rescue people from the **consequences** of their sin. V.19
- I. We cannot live our lives **isolated** from accountability and godly instruction. V.20

II. How can we apply these truths?

- A. We need to extend **patience** to ourselves and others.
- B. We must **accept** that we have the authorities over us that God has given and trust him to replace them or to change our attitude towards them.
- C. **Start** with your own responses to others in your family and seek God for change within yourself.
- D. We must be where we are supposed to be, when we are supposed to be there, doing what we are supposed to be doing, and with a **godly** attitude.
- E. Memorize and apply **Scripture** to those areas in your life that you struggle with.
- F. Become a **sharer**.
- G. Extend **tough** love to our children.
- H. Allow others to **experience** the consequences of their actions.
- I. We must be in **accountability** relationships with others.