

**ULC Sermon Study Resource**  
**Summer Wisdom: Wisdom for Family**  
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**Prayer:** Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

**Icebreaker:** Think of a time when you did something “against the rules” growing up. What happened?

**Reading: Proverbs 6:20-23, 19:13,18, 22:6, 23:22-24**

**Outline:**

- I. Wisdom for Children (Prov. 6:20-23)
  - a. Children should listen to and obey both their parents because it is right in the eyes of God and “so that it may go well with us--” listening to our parents’ wisdom usually benefits us.
  - b. To follow Jesus, we must follow the godly examples set by our parents and elders.  
**Q: What does it look like for the reproofs of discipline to be a “way of life?”**
- II. Wisdom for Parents (Prov. 22:6)
  - a. Your call is to raise your children in what’s good and true. They’re watching; your life and parenting will shape your children’s views of morality, truth, and Christianity.
  - b. You can’t create faith in your kids, but God’s word can! Try these steps daily: share highs/ lows, read the Bible, talk about applications, pray for each other, and bless each other.  
**Q: How do we determine what the “way he should go” is, esp. in messy situations?**
- III. Wisdom for Family Discord (Prov. 19: 13,18)
  - a. In the midst of discord and foolishness, the solution is not to distance yourself from each other. Rather, discipline in love can be an essential part of reconciliation.
  - b. Look to God’s example: He’s unafraid of the shame/dishonor of bringing us back to Himself and willingly bears it instead. Don’t seek to cut off but to reconcile and bring near.  
**Q: How can we discipline our children in love and not in anger?**

**Reflection/Application Questions:**

- 1) How can you better respect and listen to your parents or church elders in your life?
- 2) What is a piece of wisdom you learned from your parents that you can apply to your life?
- 3) What have you found difficult about trying to raise your children in the faith?
- 4) When was the last time your family experienced conflict? How did you handle it?
- 5) How can you act more wisely in your next family conflict?

**Suggestions for further study:**

- Ephesians 6:1-4 **Q: How do we honor/obey our parents even when we disagree with them?**
- Hebrews 12: 7-11 **Q: How are we “disciplined” by God?**
- Luke 15:11-32 **Q: Is it bad to be angry at your children or siblings?**

**Closing Prayer:** Gracious God, we give You thanks for the kind of father You are-- A father who is not afraid of shame or dishonor. You are a God who longs to reconcile with us, restore us, and welcome us home. Thank You for sending Your only son, Jesus, to bear the curse and punishment of all our foolishness so that we can be brought back to You. Because of this, may we also go and welcome others home. We pray this all in Jesus’ name, Amen.

