

Home Discipleship Tool

Tool 6: Wise Dads Checklist

Initial Instructions:

Set aside uninterrupted time to complete this guide. This tool is designed for fathers to be reminded of Scripture's wisdom for their role. In the table below, meditate on the 7 principles of wise dads and their corresponding Proverbs. Then, consider how you can specifically put it into practice with your kids.

Wise Dad Checklist

Principle: <i>Wise dads teach the fear of the Lord.</i>	Proverb: (24:21) My son, fear the Lord and the king, and do not join with those who do otherwise, (1:7) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (3:11) My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof,	Practice:
Principle: <i>Wise dads warn of straying from wisdom.</i>	Proverb: (5:20) Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman (19:27) Cease to hear instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.	Practice:

<p>Principle: <i>Wise dads go for the heart, not just the behavior.</i></p>	<p>Proverb: (3:1) My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, (23:19) Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way.</p>	<p>Practice:</p>
<p>Principle: <i>Wise dads include mom's wisdom.</i></p>	<p>Proverb: (1:8) Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, (6:20) My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. (31:28) Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her</p>	<p>Practice:</p>
<p>Principle: <i>Wise dads are visible examples of wisdom.</i></p>	<p>Proverb: (23:26) My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.</p>	<p>Practice:</p>

<p>Principle: <i>Wise dads are intentional and consistent.</i></p>	<p>Proverb: Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain[a] insight, 2 for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching. 3 When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, 4 he taught me and said to me, “Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. 5 Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.</p>	<p>Practice:</p>
<p>Principle: <i>Wise dads delight in seeing wisdom take root in their kids.</i></p>	<p>Proverb: (23:15) My son, if your heart is wise, my heart too will be glad.</p>	<p>Practice:</p>