

Bearing the Family Image

Proverbs 17

1. Introduction: The Family Image
2. Family Values of the Bible
 - A. In its teaching: God's expectation for man to bear his image, and for that image to be passed down through families
 1. Expressed in the Godhead
 2. Cultural background
 3. In Proverbs
 - B. In its examples: God's grief in response to man's marring of his image through sin
3. Wise and Foolish Children Bring Honor or Shame upon Their Families (v1, 6, 21, 25)
 - A. Wise living brings honor and blessing (Report Card A)
 1. Displays love (v9, 17)
 2. Is teachable (v10)
 3. Has joy (v22)
 4. Exercises discernment (v24)
 5. Exhibits self-control (v27-28)
 - B. Foolish living brings shame and grief (Report Card B)
 1. Lacks wisdom (v12, 16, 24)
 2. Follows bad counsel (v4)
 3. Is unkind to others (v5, 9, 13, 14)
 4. Speaks foolishly (v7)
 5. Is a poor steward (v8, 18, 23)
 6. Loves sin (v11, 19, 20)
 7. Is unjust (v15, 26)
4. The Gospel: The Image of God is Restored in Jesus Christ, the Good Son (v2)
5. Application: Our lives are a reflection of our true family (v3)
 - A. As sons and daughters of God Almighty
 - B. As brothers and sisters of the church of the Jesus Christ
 - C. Do you resemble your true family's image?