

1. Wise words about reserving and preserving sexual intimacy for marriage

- a) Why is reserving and preserving sexual intimacy for marriage important?
- b) Proverbs 5:3–14, 15–20 This inspired counsel applies both to men and women (see also Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:3–5)
- c) How have modern means of communication, like the Internet and smart phones, increased the challenge of living with moral integrity?
- d) What counsel would you give to a friend who is struggling with sexual temptations?

2. Wise words for men

- a) Proverbs 13:22a What type of inheritance might a good man leave for his descendants?
- b) Proverbs 15:1–2 How does a man’s speech impact his family or those within his circle of influence?
- c) Proverbs 15:27 How does a man’s greed trouble his own household?
- d) Name some men in the Scriptures who have been an inspiration and example to you.
- e) Who has been an important living example for you of a godly man? What is the most important lesson you have learned?

3. Wise words for women

- a) Proverbs 21:9,19, 27:15 How can women (and men) avoid being contentious?
- b) Why is nagging an ineffective way to effect change?

- c) Proverbs 31:10–31 This inspired account is written by one of the female authors of Scripture—the mother of King Lemuel. What characteristics most impress you in the description of this virtuous woman?
- d) Name some women in the Scriptures who have been an inspiration and example to you.
- e) Who has been an important living example for you of a godly woman? What is the most important lesson you have learned?

4. Wise words for parents

- a) Proverbs 29:17
- b) Proverbs 6:20–23 How does this counsel challenge parents as well as children?
- c) Proverbs 29:15
- d) Proverbs 19:18 (see also Colossians 3:21)
- e) Proverbs 13:24, 23:13–14. Some have used these verses to justify abusive behavior. Explain why abuse of any kind has no place in a Christian home.
- f) How can we reflect the immeasurable, unfailing love of our Heavenly Father to our children?

