

Proverbs of Solomon - Proverbs 17:1-28

Topics: Arguments, Character, Children, Choices, Consequences, Discernment, Discipline, Evil, Experience, Foolishness, Friendship, Goals, God, Guidance, Heart, Life, Life-style, Love, Parents, Plans, Priorities, Punishment, Rewards, Righteousness, Sin, Testing, Understanding, Wealth, Wisdom, Words

Open It

- * 1. When was the last time you got into a really big argument with someone?
- 2. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? Why?

Explore It

- 3. When is dry crust better than feasting? (17:1)
- 4. What themes are developed in this chapter? (17:1-28)
- 5. What does this chapter say about fathers and sons? (17:1-28)
- 6. What does the Lord test? (17:3)
- 7. What did Solomon say about children and parents? (17:6)
- 8. What did Solomon say about bribes? (17:8, 23)
- * 9. How can friends build or tear down their friendship? (17:9)
- * 10. What happens to the person who pays back evil for good? (17:13)
- * 11. What does a friend always do? (17:17)
 - 12. What do we know about a person who loves quarrels? (17:19)
 - 13. What is the good of a cheerful attitude? (17:22)
 - 14. What dries up the bones? (17:22)
 - 15. What distinguishes the aspirations of the discerning person from those of the fool? (17:24)
 - 16. How does a person of knowledge use words? (17:27)
 - 17. What is the benefit of holding one's tongue—even for the fool? (17:28)

Get It

- 18. How and why does God test us?
- 19. If God were to test your heart, what would He find?
- 20. In what way are children a crown to older people?
- 21. In what way are parents the pride of their children?
- * 22. Why might it be easier to repeat a matter rather than to cover over it?
- 23. What is the appeal of quarreling?
- 24. How is a cheerful heart good medicine?
- 25. How can we know if our dreams and aspirations in life are realistic or foolish?
- 26. What is the relationship between mental attitude and good health?
- * 27. When is it hard to use words with restraint?

Apply It

- 28. What is one specific step you can take this week to purify your heart?
- 29. What offense can you forgive?
- * 30. What is a step you can take to help you use words with proper restraint?