A Wise Parent - Class #1

What is wisdom? *Three Components:*

1. **God Himself** - Proverbs 1:7
2. **God's Creation** - Proverbs 3:19-20
3. **God's Righteousness** - James 3:13-18

What do you want for your kid(s)?

- **The Danger** - Idolizing an "ideal family." Consider these two questions:
  - Is it possible that your picture of the ideal family is keeping you from understanding and loving your actual family in the ways God has in mind?
  - Does your image of the ideal family help or hinder you to live out the two great commandments to love God and others?
- **Matthew 22:37–39** - [37] And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. [38] This is the great and first commandment. [39] And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
- **What else do you want for your kid(s)?**
  - Take time this week to consider what else is important to you.

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- **Look to God's Word!**
  - **Deuteronomy 6:6–7 -** [6] And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. [7] You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
  - "For years I viewed my interaction with the Bible as a debit account: I had a need, so I went to the Bible to withdraw an answer. But we do much better to view our interaction with the Bible as a savings account: I stretch my understanding daily, I deposit what I glean, and I patiently wait for it to accumulate in value, knowing that one day I will need to draw on it."

- Jen Wilkin

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- **The Father**
  - **Exodus 34:6-7** - *[6]* The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, [7] keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”
  - **Lamentations 3:22** - [22] The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;
  - **Job 10:12** - [12] You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit.
  - **1 John 3:1** - [1] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
- **The Son**
  - **Luke 13:34** - [34] O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!
  - *Read the Gospels!*
  - **Ephesians 4:32** - [32] Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Where do I start?

- Prayer.
- Read the Word.
- Hold your vision for your family loosely.

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