

Life Hacks from Proverbs

- *Life Hack – a usually simple and clever tip or technique for accomplishing some familiar task more easily and efficiently. Davis Definition – Simple ways to win in this thing called life.*
- Proverbs has an amazing storehouse of wisdom for anything we might face in life. The Life Hack is:
- **QUOTE:** *If we choose to govern our lives by God's wisdom instead of the world's wisdom, we will get God's results instead of the world's results.*

Proverbs 1:1 – 7 (NKJV) *The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: ² To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, ³ To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; ⁴ To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion— ⁵ A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, ⁶ To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

- These verses are the introduction to Proverbs and establish the purpose for this book.
- *Proverb (Heb. Mashal) – a comparison of two things that resemble one another; parable.*

Purpose:

1. To make a person wise and establish the boundaries for what defines foolishness.
 2. To learn how to act righteously and treat others with fairness.
 3. To give the **ignorant**, commonsense; the **young**, sound advice; the **wise**, even more wisdom.
- *Wisdom – insight into the underlying significance and consequences of our actions, which enables us to make better life choices.*

Wisdom comes from 2 sources:

1. Trial & Error – **personal** experience
2. Counsel from others – **proven** experience.

Week #1 – A Mother's Love

Proverbs 1:8 (NKJV); 4:3; 6:20; 15:20; 19:26; 20:20; 28:24; 29:15; 30:11, 17

Proverbs 10:1 (NLV) – The sayings of Solomon: A wise son makes a father glad, but A FOOLISH SON IS A SORROW TO HIS MOTHER.

- **NOTE:** Mother's Day – the day our nation has set aside to honor its more than 77 million mothers. It has become the most popular day of the year since President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday in 1914. More phone calls are logged on this day than any other day of the year.
- **Proverbs 13:12 (MSG) – Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heartsick, but a sudden good break can turn life around.**
- **QUOTE:** *You must never lose faith in the fact that God has greatness ordained for YOUR child.*

Three Facts We Need to Know About Mothers:

Mothers Train Us

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV) – *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he WILL NOT depart from it.*

- **QUOTE:** *A mother's words have the potential to set a child's course toward victory or the grave.*
- Children live off a mother's words like an umbilical cord when they're in the womb.
- Mothers must also learn when it's time to give their children space to sprout wings and fly.

Mothers Feed Us Wisdom

Proverbs 31:1 – 10 (GNT) These are the solemn words which King Lemuel's MOTHER said to him:

²“You are my own dear son, the answer to my prayers. What shall I tell you? ³Don't spend all your energy on sex and all your money on women; they have destroyed kings. ⁴Listen, Lemuel. Kings should not drink wine or have a craving for alcohol. ⁵When they drink, they forget the laws and ignore the rights of people in need. ⁶Alcohol is for people who are dying, for those who are in misery. ⁷Let them drink and forget their poverty and unhappiness. ⁸“Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless. ⁹Speak for them and be a righteous judge. Protect the rights of the poor and needy.”
¹⁰How hard it is to find a capable wife! ***She is worth far more than jewels!***

- **Titus 2:1 – 5 (GNT)** *But you must teach what agrees with sound doctrine. ²Instruct the older men to be sober, sensible, and self-controlled; to be sound in their faith, love, and endurance. ³In the same way instruct the older women to behave as women should who live a holy life. They must not be slanderers or slaves to wine. They must teach what is good, ⁴in order to train the younger women to love their husbands and children, ⁵to be self-controlled and pure, and to be good housewives who submit themselves to their husbands, so that no one will speak evil of the message that comes from God.*
- **QUOTE:** *At some point, the older women must cease living for the NOW and start living for the LEGACY.*

We Owe Mothers the Care They've Given Us

Proverbs 23:22 (NCV) – *Listen to your father, who gave you life, and DO NOT FORGET YOUR MOTHER when she is old.*

- The bible teaches us to make sure we do right by and don't forget our mothers when they become old.
- **Ephesians 6:1 – 3 (NLT)** *Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. ²“Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: ³IF YOU HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”*
- **QUOTE:** *A refusal to honor mother and father is one of the reasons for many peoples' struggle and for many tragedies that claim the life of the young.*
- **FINAL NOTE:** Don't allow Satan to rob your joy this Mother's Day if your mom is not around. God is still good and you can still be thankful for whatever years you were blessed to have with her!! If mom could send you a text or facetime today, I believe she'd say *“don't let your day be ruined on my behalf. I am doing better than all of you put together and my greatest joy is to watch you win from the grandstands here in heaven.”*