



“Remember one thing son. I know a lot more about being young than you do about being old!”

My Son, Please Listen!

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INTRODUCTION:

Think of the thousands of homes across the land in which parents have sounded the heart-rending plea to a hot blooded inexperienced son or daughter: “PLEASE LISTEN TO ME!”

John Wesley’s mother wrote to him when he was in college and defined sin for him:

“Whatsoever weakens your reasons, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes away the relish of spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind, that is sin.”

Yes, son, listen to me!

The book of Proverbs is loaded with counsel, guidelines, and instruction for right living. The words, MY SON appear 23 times in the book of Proverbs and express the following counsel:

1. 1:8 - My son, listen to your father and mother.
2. 1:10 - My son, steer clear of those who would lead you into sin.
3. 1:15 - My son, walk the straight path of righteousness.
4. 2:1 - My son, be open to right advice.
5. 3:1 - My son, open your heart to God’s Word.
6. 3:11 - My son, understand the reason for God’s woodshed.
7. 3:21 - My son, be filled with God’s wisdom.
8. 4:10 - My son, listen to the voice of experience.
9. 4:20 - My son, heed what I say.
10. 5:1 - My son, listen to me, I want to help you.
11. 5:20 - My son, don’t be led astray by a beguiling woman.
12. 6:1 - My son, be careful for whom you endorse a note guaranteeing a debt.
13. 6:3 - My son, quickly get out of the trap you have fallen into.
14. 6:20 - My son, remember to carry out your father and mother’s instructions.
15. 7:1 - My son, hold on to what I have said when I instructed you.
16. 19:27 - My son, cease listening to sweet talkers.
17. 23:15 - My son, walk with God and thus make me happy.
18. 23:19 - My son, discipline yourself choosing the right way.
19. 23:26 - My son, let’s get together, listen to me.
20. 24:13 - My son, enjoy good things, but don’t overdo it—enjoy the best.
21. 24:21 - My son, put all your trust in the unchanging Christ.
22. 27:11 - My son, people are talking.
23. 31:2 - My son, I’ve dedicated you to the Lord.

As ranks of youth successive rise, Each thinks, “We are supremely wise.” O foolish ones, God’s Word revere; Honor thy parents while they’re here, And you will find in latter days, What a handsome dividend it pays!



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