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REJECTING PRESUMPTION (13:10)

1. Teach them not to jump to conclusions
2. Teach them that no one owes them anything
3. Teach them to be deeply respectful of others feelings
4. Teach them to be very careful with others property
5. Teach them to be tactful with their tongue
6. Teach them to be gracious in receiving gifts or hospitality

"In so doing you spare you & your household much strife."

AVOIDING ISOLATIONISM (18:1) & Combating self-righteousness

1. Teach them how to deal with hurt and feelings of self-pity
2. Model good social skills and help them to combat shyness
3. Teach them how to have multiple relationships & still feel secure
4. Teach them how to deal with perfectionism
5. Teach them to avoid social traps (anger, bad habits, smart aleck, etc.)
6. Teach them how to enjoy different types of people

"In so doing you will keep them from breaking out of the patterns of wisdom."

WALKING WITH THE WISE (13:20; 15:22; 19:20; 20:18; 21:1)

1. To know the difference between a foolish & a wise person
2. To get counsel as a way of life, and not to merely inquire of those from whom we will get the answers we want
3. Teach them to accept counsel once they get it
4. Teach them to weigh & objectively evaluate pros & cons in decision-making, and to be able to make decisions

"In so doing you will clarify vague issues that can "trip up" your household."

ACCEPTING REPROOF (17:10; 27:5,6,17)

1. Learn to take criticism & not to feel that you are rejected along with your faults.
2. Learn to weigh criticism honestly & objectively
3. Learn to make personal changes in response to criticism
4. Learn not to retaliate with counter-criticism

"In so doing you help to accept reproof as a way of life."

RULING YOUR SPIRIT (16:32; 17:27; 25:28)

1. Temper tantrums are unacceptable (adult or child)
2. Learn to confront conflict head on and with propriety
3. Quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger
4. Learn how to manage your feelings

"In so doing you help them respond to the One Who made them."