

Life Lessons Learned from Family

Proverbs 4:1-5, TLB

Young men, listen to me as you would to your father. Listen, and grow wise, for I speak the truth—do not turn away. ³ For I, too, was once a son, tenderly loved by my mother as an only child, and the companion of my father. ⁴ He told me never to forget his words. “If you follow them,” he said, “you will have a long and happy life. ⁵ Learn to be wise,” he said, “and develop good judgment and common sense! I cannot overemphasize this point.”

Life lessons are sayings from which useful knowledge or principles can be learned.

Life lessons are wisdom passed down from other’s experiences.

Life lessons are teachings meant to encourage some actions and prevent others.

Much of my personal success can be attributed to life lessons learned from family.

Lesson #1: Don’t shame the family name

Proverbs 22:1 (TLB) says, *“If you must choose, take a good name rather than great riches; for to be held in loving esteem is better than silver and gold.”*

Having a good name brings honor to the rest of the family

Having a good name produces trust in others.

Having a good name creates a legacy that lives beyond us.

Lesson #2: Don’t be unequally yoked with unbelievers

We should stay clear of dating those who do not share our same faith convictions. (Consider 2 Corinthians 6:14-16)

However, Mike Murdock in his book *“The Law of Recognition”* warned to also stay away from some believers:

- Think twice if you don’t respect those they surround themselves with
- Think twice about someone who shows no remorse for their past mistakes
- Think twice if no one in your inner-circle thinks they are a good choice
- Think twice about a person you don’t miss when they are not around
- Think twice if you feel you can’t trust them

Lesson #3: Tests come before promotion

Joseph was tested before his dream became a reality.
Genesis chapters 37 – 41.

David was tested before he actually became king.
1 Samuel 16 – 2 Samuel 5

Daniel was tested before becoming a ruler over Babylon.
Daniel chapters 1 – 2

I learned from my father that tests come to reveal what is in us, so God can work it out of us.

Do not forsake the wisdom in life lessons learned from family!

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