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The Proverbs Series: **Father's Day**

A Life of Honor

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Proverbs 23:17-25 ¹⁷Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always continue in the fear of the LORD. ¹⁸For surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off. ¹⁹Listen, my son, and be wise, and guide your heart on the right course. ²⁰Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat. ²¹For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe them in rags. ²²Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. ²³Invest in truth and never sell it— in wisdom and instruction and understanding. ²⁴The father of a righteous man will greatly rejoice, and he who fathers a wise son will delight in him. ²⁵May your father and mother be glad, and may she who gave you birth rejoice! BSB

- I. What can we learn from this passage?
 - A. A proper perspective that includes worship of the **uncreated** God will keep our life from having an envious heart. V. 17-19
 - B. A moderate **lifestyle** will protect us from destruction caused by uncontrolled appetites and destroying addictions. V. 20-21
 - C. A life that honors parents is one that takes their **words** into consideration in making decisions. V. 22
 - D. A life that lives by what they know to be **true** invests this truth and they will see a return on their investment. V. 23
 - E. A righteous person honors their father by just being **themselves**. V. 24-25
- II. How can we apply these truths?
 - A. Evaluate your **values** with this statement: Does God get glory in this?
 - B. Implement some form of **fasting** into your life.
 - C. Evaluate your words and deeds through the **filter** of giving honor to your parents and to your God.
 - D. Ask for God to show you areas that you are not being **obedient** in. When He shows you these things, repent and change.
 - E. Ask someone that you **trust** if you are an honoring person.