# FAMILY

Know also that WISDOM is sweet to your soul. If you find it, there is a future hope for you! (Prov. 24:14) The reality of family = present and future. You are **<u>building</u>** a future, providing both **<u>structure</u>** and **<u>shelter</u>**. The wise woman builds her house. But with her own hands the foolish woman tears hers down. (14:1)

He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge. (14:26)

### Be <u>KIND</u>. This is a <u>seed</u> whose <u>harvest</u> will come back to benefit you.

A kind hearted woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth. A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself. *(11:16-17)* 

He who brings trouble on his family will inherit only wind... (11:29)

#### Be **<u>careful</u>** and **<u>thoughtful</u>** with words.

Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (12:18)

Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. (16:24)

### PARENTS. <u>Critical</u> and <u>essential</u> that you establish <u>discipline</u>.

He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him. (13:24)

Discipline your son, for in that there is hope. Do not be a willing party to his death. A hot tempered man must pay the penalty. If you rescue him, you will have to do it again.

(19:18-19)

#### CHILDREN

# $\checkmark$ Respect the <u>authority</u> of your parents

 $\checkmark$  Pay attention to the <u>advice</u> of your parents

 $\checkmark$  Seek to bring **joy** to your parents.

# A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son despises his mother. (15:20)

# Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children. (17:6)

Because I am part of a family, my choices/actions <u>affect</u> <u>others</u> who <u>love</u> me.

# A greedy man brings trouble to his family... (15:27)