

# FIRST BAPTIST of Hayden

**Proverbs**  
**The Proverbs of Solomon**  
**Chapters 9-21**  
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## **Introduction:**

Solomon does not mind insulting his readers, or at least the reader who is foolish. In chapter 11, the beautiful woman without discretion is like a pig that has a gold ring in its snout. It doesn't fit, and it devalues the gold ring as if it is worth nothing. And the mouth of the wicked man destroys his neighbor. After considering the outcome of our choices, if we decide to move forward with foolish choices, we are truly stupid.

Now, in chapter 12, Solomon will ensure that we understand that wicked behavior is stupid behavior.

In verses 1-3, we see the contrast between the wise and the wicked, the wise has knowledge, the wicked is stupid.

In verses 4-11, he will give us 8 proverbs on the blessings and the banes of domestic life. Marry a bad woman; you are stupid. Marry a good woman; you are wise, and she is a crown to your head.

Verses 12-22 offer Solomon's readers the virtues and faults within civil relationships. Depriving someone of what they have worked for and earned is wicked, and it is stupid.

And in the last part, verses 23-28, we will find that being lazy is stupid, it leads to anxiety, trust in the wrong person, and a general sense of being lost.

We will finish the second section tonight, and we will look at man's destiny.

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## **Message:**

We have looked at the way a man thinks; which in turn impacts the way he acts. A man's actions reveals his character, whether lazy, mean, critical, honest, thrifty, humble, wise . . . which in the end, determines his destiny.

### **1. The Way a Man Thinks:**

Proverbs 12:5 (ESV): *5 The thoughts of the righteous are just; the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.*

### **2. The Way a Man Acts:**

Proverbs 12:6 (ESV): *6 The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the mouth of the upright delivers them.*

And this week we look at,

### **3. The Way a Man Goes:**

Proverbs 12:7 (ESV): *7 The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous will stand.*

This is destiny!

This is about legacy and our family's destiny. How we live, wicked or righteous determines the longevity of our household. Jesus told his disciples, Matthew 7:24–27 (ESV): 24 *“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”*

Biblically speaking, wisdom focuses on the teachings of Christ; foolishness focuses on man's perspective and man's desire.

If you want your children and their children to live for Christ, you must model living for Christ in your own life. A household, of righteousness is established when a parent, and more specifically a dad, determines to live for God – not just on a religious day, but every day to the best of his ability.

This is important for fathers, but also men in general. Women want strong, godly men who will love their family and will live what they claim to believe no matter where that man is – whether it is on the job, in the church, or in his home. There is a consistency, not perfection, but a consistent lifestyle; when everyone looks at him, they see a godly man.

Children want a dad who will love them, hold them accountable, and set standards that he expects not only his children to follow, but that he will also live by.

There is a principle within scripture which teaches us how a parent lives their lives, how they train and instruct their children impacts generations.

Deuteronomy 4:9 (ESV): 9 *“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children—”*

Those words were written to fathers. For literally centuries, at least up until the past couple of centuries, the education and instruction of children was the responsibility of the family, and mostly the father.

If a child learned about God, his father must teach him and mother was to support what dad was teaching. This was how children learned to read and write too. It was the responsibility of the parents, who had a vested interest in seeing their children reach a point of competency within society.

At some point in history, society created roadblocks that hindered parents from teaching their children. So, it fell to local, and eventually national governments to educate the next generation. Is it any wonder that we have an epidemic of behavior problems today? Strangers will spend more time in the day with children than the child’s own parents.

Don't misunderstand, there are many good teachers – many who pour their lives into helping young people learn. But more and more, too many teachers are attempting to train children with their ungodly, worldly doctrines that are in direct conflict with parents and what morals they want to teach.

God put it within the heart of parents, and this is especially true of godly parents, that we want our children to learn who God is. We want them to know that he loves them, but that he also has standards and expectations set for them. If we abdicate the role God has ordained for parents, particularly fathers, we lose generations. But if we hold onto that role, fight for that role, then we protect the coming generations.

Deuteronomy 7:9–11 (ESV): *9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, 10 and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. 11 You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.*

If I am to teach my children who God is and what God expects, then I must first know who God is. Knowing him begins with his name. The great proper name of God in the Old Testament is YHWH, whose name means “I AM.” Jesus told the Scribes and Pharisees, “*Before Abraham was, I AM!*”


























The above should be read from right to left and it is the letters, Yod – Heh – Waw – Heh, and it is known as the tetragrammaton. The word tetragrammaton means a four letter word. But not the bad kind.

Here is the same name in the most ancient symbols, prior to the more modern (3500 years or so) Hebrew letters as shown above. What is interesting with these symbols, or glyphs, the meaning of which is, *Hand behold, Nail, hook, peg, or chute behold*. It means take notice of the hand of God, which is the place of security, power, and finality. And look at, or take notice of the nail, the hook, the chute which takes us to God. It is the path, or that which we grasp from God to bring us to God.





YHWH =					
			Name	Pictograph	Meaning
Aleph		Ox / strength / leader	Lamed		Staff / goad / control / "toward"
Bet		House / "In"	Mem		Water / chaos
Gimmel		Foot / camel / pride	Nun		Seed / fish / activity / life
Dalet		Tent door / pathway	Samekh		Hand on staff / support / prop
Hey		Lo! Behold! "The"	Ayin		Eye / to see / experience
Vav		Nail / peg / add / "And"	Pey		Mouth / word / speak
Zayin		Flaw / weapon / cut off	Tsade		Man on side / desire / need
Chet		Tent wall / fence / separation	Qof		Sun on horizon / behind
Tet		Basket / snake / surround	Resh		Head / person / first
Yod		Arm and hand / work / deed	Shin		Eat / consume / destroy
Kaf		Palm of hand / to open	Tav		Mark / sign / covenant

The Hebrew name YHWH, which is the only name God gave to himself, reveals the nature of God. He introduces himself with a name that calls our attention to his hands and to a secure place to find our way to God. It seems coincidental, except when you know who God truly is – when we look at what Jesus said about himself and what the Hebrew name of God reveals. He has revealed so much of himself throughout the pages of the Bible, if we are willing to look. Men, we should be willing to look, to examine, and to teach our children what we are learning about the Lord.

YHWH is the covenant name given to God's people. It is a name that expresses his eternity, having always existed (I AM). It is a name that provides protection and security for those who follow and keep his commands. It is the name used by Moses and then the rest of the prophets to represent the deliverer of Israel from bondage.

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It is a name that declares his omnipotence and ability to fight for his people.

The name Jesus in Hebrew is Joshua, which means Jehovah Saves. The literal rendering of the Hebrew words that make up the name of Joshua is deliverance from YHWH's wrath.

That is exactly what Jesus did when his hands were introduced to the nails. That is what Jesus meant when he said, "*I am the Way. . .*" We cannot escape the truth that the person who revealed himself as YHWH in the Old Testament is the same person who is revealed to us in the New – Jesus Christ.

So, if our children know God, then they begin with Jesus and stick with him throughout their lives.

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## Conclusion:

An American educator, A.E. Winship decided to trace the descendants of Jonathan Edwards almost 150 years after his death. His findings are remarkable, especially when compared to another man from the same time period, known as Max Jukes.



Jonathan Edwards' legacy includes: 1 U.S. Vice-President, 1 Dean of a law school, 1 dean of a medical school, 3 U.S. Senators, 3 governors, 3 mayors, 13 college presidents, 30 judges, 60 doctors, 65 professors, 75 military officers, 80 public office holders, 100 lawyers, 100 clergymen, and 285 college graduates.

Winship asked, *"How may this be explained?"* Edwards was a godly man, but he was also hard working, intelligent and moral.

Furthermore, Winship states, *"Much of the capacity and talent, intensity and character of the more than 1,400 of Edwards' family is due to Mrs. Edwards."* Here are two parents working together to raise their children.

Max Jukes' legacy came to people's attention when the family trees of 42 different men in the New York prison system were traced back to him. He lived in New York at about the same period as Edwards. The Jukes family originally was studied by sociologist Richard L. Dugdale in 1877.

Jukes' descendants included: 7 murderers, 60 thieves, 190 prostitutes, 150 other convicts, 310 paupers, and 440 who were physically wrecked by addiction to alcohol. Of the 1,200 descendants that were studied, 300 died prematurely.

These contrasting legacies provide an example of what some call the five-generation rule. *“How a parent raises their child — the love they give, the values they teach, the emotional environment they offer, the education they provide — influences not only their children but the four generations to follow, either for good or evil.”* What a challenging thought!

If someone studied your descendants four generations later, what would you want them to discover? Do you want an Edwards' legacy or a Jukes' legacy? The life you live will determine the legacy you leave!

Men, both young and old alike should look to the future of their children and their grandchildren and what we teach and how we live. *The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous will stand.*