

A scenic landscape at sunrise or sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues. In the foreground, a flock of white sheep is grazing on a grassy hillside. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky.

'A man after his own heart'

English meeting
Sunday 8th August 2021

1 Samuel 13:14

But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.

1 Corinthians 15: 46-47

But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

1. New Birth / Born Again

John 1:12-13

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

1 Peter 1:23

...since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

Galatians 4:6

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

2. Beloved / Son

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Luke 2:49

And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

John 5:19

So Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

John 7:16

So Jesus answered them, My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.

John 8:26

I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.

Luke 22:42

...saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”

3. Wise Son

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- Obedient son

Proverbs 1:8

Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
and forsake not your mother's teaching...

Proverbs 13:13

Whoever despises the word brings destruction on himself,
but he who reveres the commandment will be rewarded.

- Avoid bad company

Proverbs 1:10-16

My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. If they say, “Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason; like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder; throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse” — my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths, for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood.

Proverbs 13:20

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

- Self control

Proverbs 16:32

Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

Proverbs 25:28

A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

Proverbs 21:17

Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

- Prudent / Wise

Proverbs 14:15-16

The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps. One who is wise is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is reckless and careless.

- Diligent

Proverbs 19:24

The sluggard buries his hand in the dish and will not even bring it back to his mouth.

Proverbs 16:13-14

Righteous lips are the delight of a king, and he loves him who speaks what is right. A king's wrath is a messenger of death, and a wise man will appease it.

Matthew 5:48

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

4. A Disciplined Son

Hebrews 12:4-10

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reprovved by him.
For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.