

## **Bible Study - Chapter 7**

1. Ephesians 4:1-3. What adjectives in this verse describe the kind of love we are to give one another as believers? What might it mean in practical terms to show "patience" or "forbearance" to one another? (The words in verse 2 might vary according to the translation you are using.) Why do we, as sinners, need people in our lives who can "bear with us"? How can we, as mothers, preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?

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2. 1 Peter 4:8. In what specific ways can love cover a multitude of sins? What is there about Peter's relationship with Jesus that helped him learn this lesson (see Matthew 16:21-23; 26:69-75)? Why do our children sometimes need for us to overlook some of their sins and shortcomings?

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3. Proverbs 15:1. What, according to this verse, turns away wrath? What stirs up anger? What does it mean, in practical terms, to discipline with a spirit of gentleness? How can we avoid stirring up anger and still give our children the firmness they need?

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4. Hebrews 10:24-25. According to these verses, how do we stimulate one another to love and good deeds? Why must we consider (plan or think about) how to do this? In what kinds of situations does your child most need encouragement? In what ways can you help by considering his or her needs?

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## Bible Study - Chapter 8

1. *Proverbs 22:15*. *Foolishness* is a synonym for *immaturity*. With this definition in mind, how would you rephrase this verse? What does this imply about the importance of cultivating or nurturing children?

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2. *Proverbs 22:6*. What does "in the way he should go" mean? What does the word "train" mean to you? How long does training in the heart of a child last? What happens to the heart training of a child who has many conflicting cultural voices coming his way?

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3. *Proverbs 24:5*. Why is a wise man strong? The word translated *wisdom* in Proverbs has the same meaning as "knowledge of life" or "skillful living." How does a person of knowledge or skill increase his power or influence? How can you provide a foundation for your child in the areas of wisdom, skill, and knowledge?

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4. *Proverbs 22:29*. How does providing your children with real skills give him or her the opportunity to excel in life? What does this verse imply? How does this apply to motherhood?

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