

# Proverbs 6:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

## Analysis

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Parental teaching provides moral guidance throughout life. The pairing of father's commandment and mother's law gives equal weight to both parents' instruction, reflecting their joint covenant responsibility. This wisdom becomes internalized conscience, guiding even when external accountability is absent.

## Historical Context

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Mothers in Israel taught children Torah and wisdom, preserving covenant knowledge across generations. Deborah, Hannah, and the Proverbs 31 woman exemplify this vital maternal role in spiritual formation.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do your parents' godly teachings continue to guide you today?
2. What spiritual heritage are you building to pass on to future generations?

## Interlinear Text

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רָצִי	בִּנְיָ	מִצְוַת	אָבִיךָ	וְאַל	תִּטְּשֵׁנִי	תּוֹכְחַת
keep	My son	commandment	thy father's	H408	and forsake	not the law
H5341	H1121	H4687	H1		H5203	H8451
אַמָּךְ:						
of thy mother						
H517						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ephesians 6:1** (Parallel theme): Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

**Deuteronomy 27:16** (Parallel theme): Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

**Proverbs 23:22** (Parallel theme): Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.