

## June 10 Answers

- 1) The wise sayings and proverbs of Solomon. One of the themes that is repeated throughout the book of Proverbs is the importance of **disciplining** children: “Whoever spares the rod **hates** his son, but he who **loves** him is diligent to discipline him” (Prov 13:24). Solomon linked *love* with “discipline,” and *hate* with “sparing the rod.” By this definition, many parents *hate* their children. What a sobering thought! This teaches us that a loving parent cares deeply about developing godly **character** in their children. A loving parent understands that negative behavior patterns that start **small** will have devastating long-term consequences. A loving parent realizes that although it takes hard **work** and diligence to discipline a child, it is vital to their future success. When we think about this proverb, it should remind us of Eli and his sons. He **scolded** his sons, but he did not discipline them or remove them from service (1 Sam 2:22–36). If we coddle our children and excuse their sin, we are setting the stage for their **destruction**.