

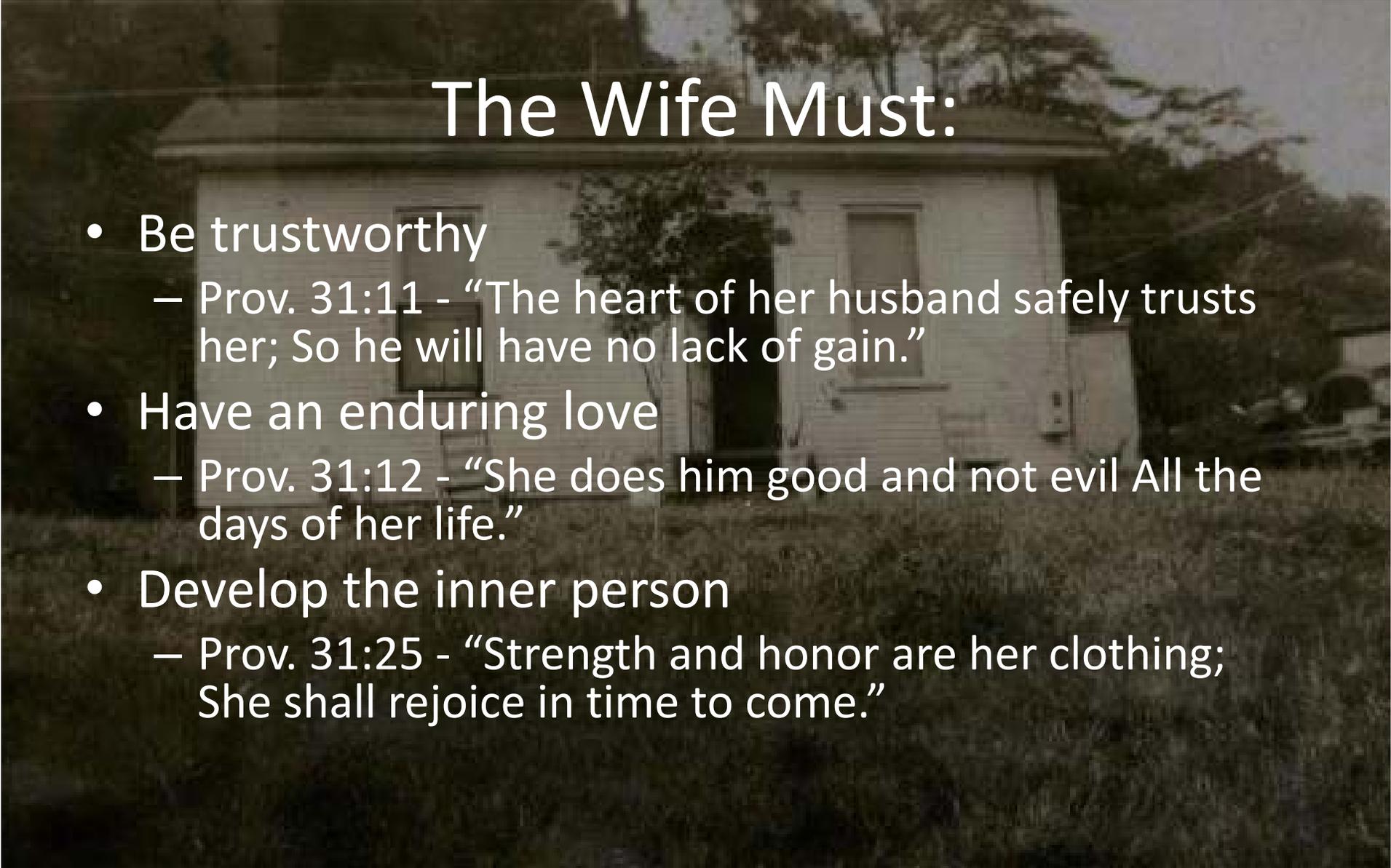
Using Proverbs at Home

Proverbs 1:1-9

Characteristics Of Great Families
Outlined In Proverbs

Proverbs 1:1-9

- “The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: 2 To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion- 5 A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles. 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction. 8 My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; 9 For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.”



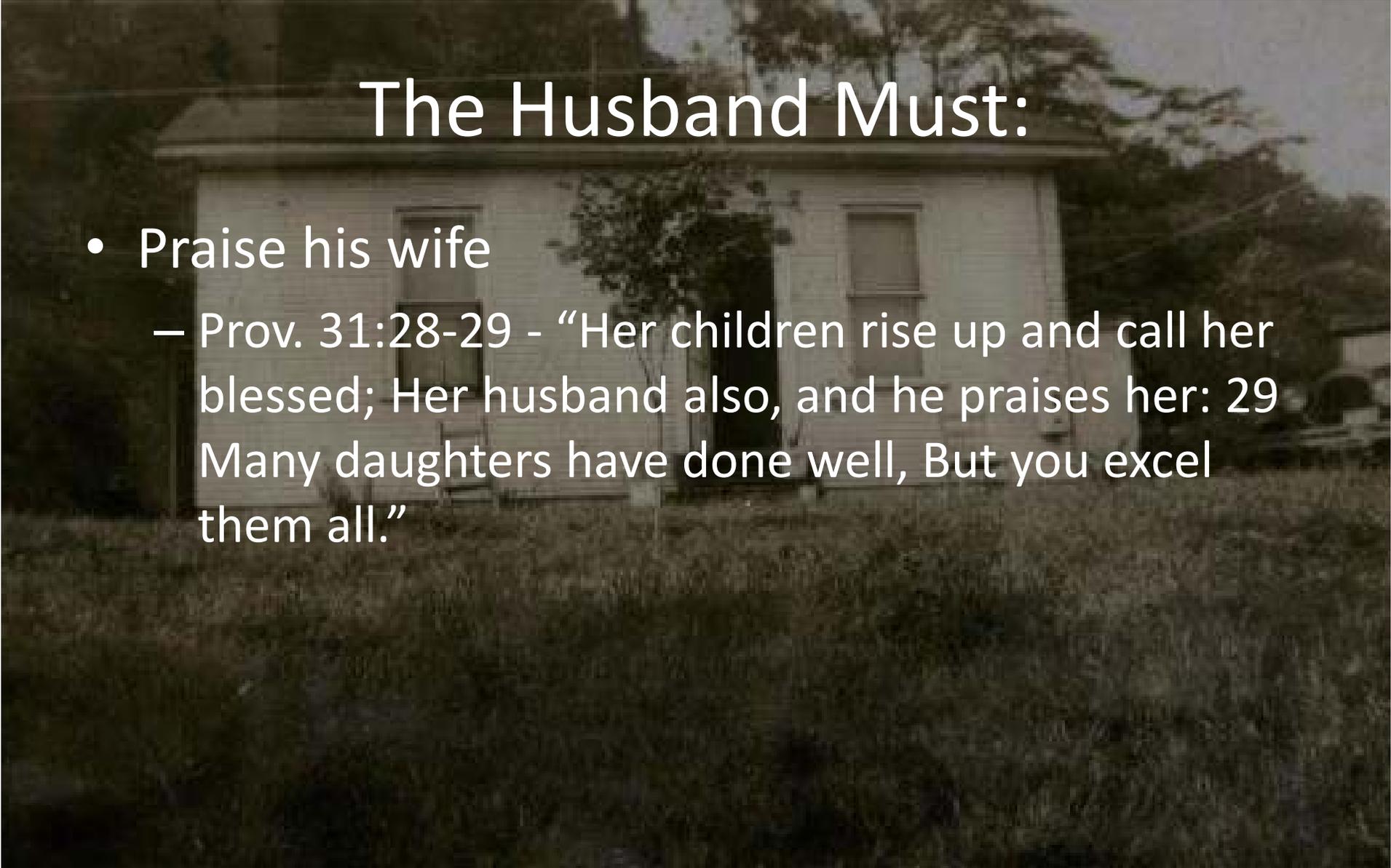
The Wife Must:

- Be trustworthy
 - Prov. 31:11 - “The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.”
- Have an enduring love
 - Prov. 31:12 - “She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.”
- Develop the inner person
 - Prov. 31:25 - “Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.”



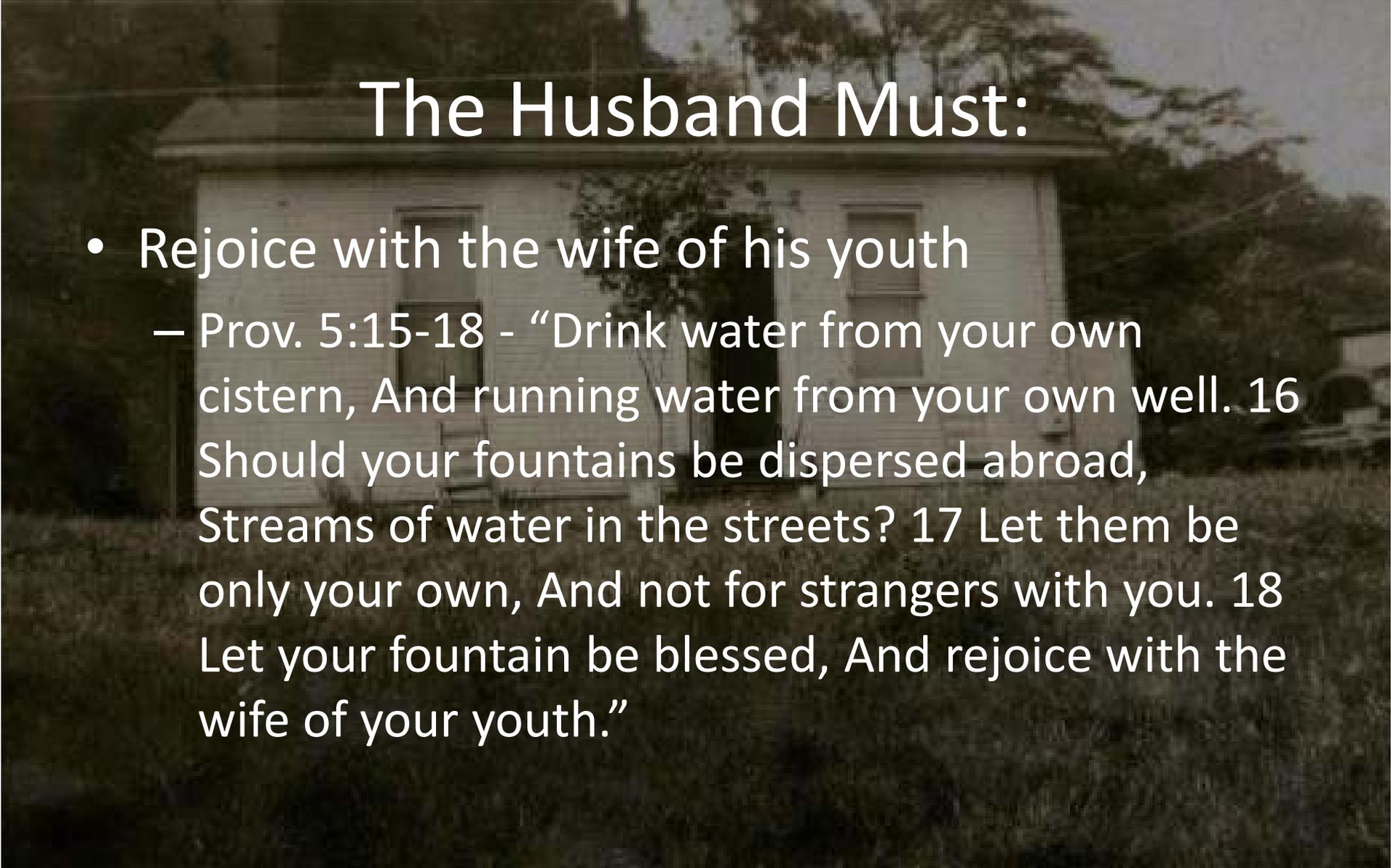
The Wife Must:

- Speak wisdom and kindness
 - Prov. 31:26 - “She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.”
- Not be contentious
 - Prov. 21:19 - “Better to dwell in the wilderness,
Than with a contentious and angry woman.”



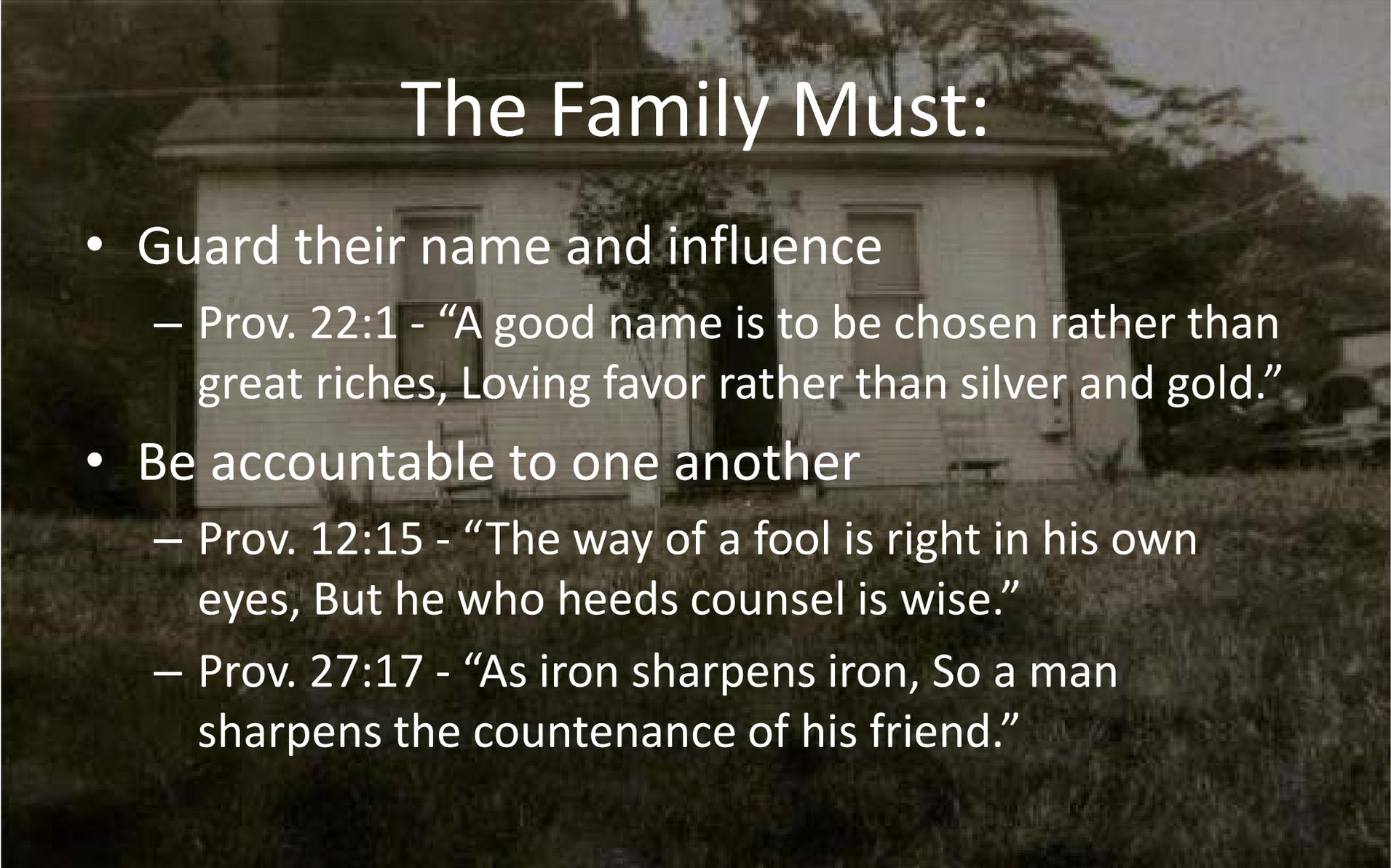
The Husband Must:

- Praise his wife
 - Prov. 31:28-29 - “Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: 29 Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all.”



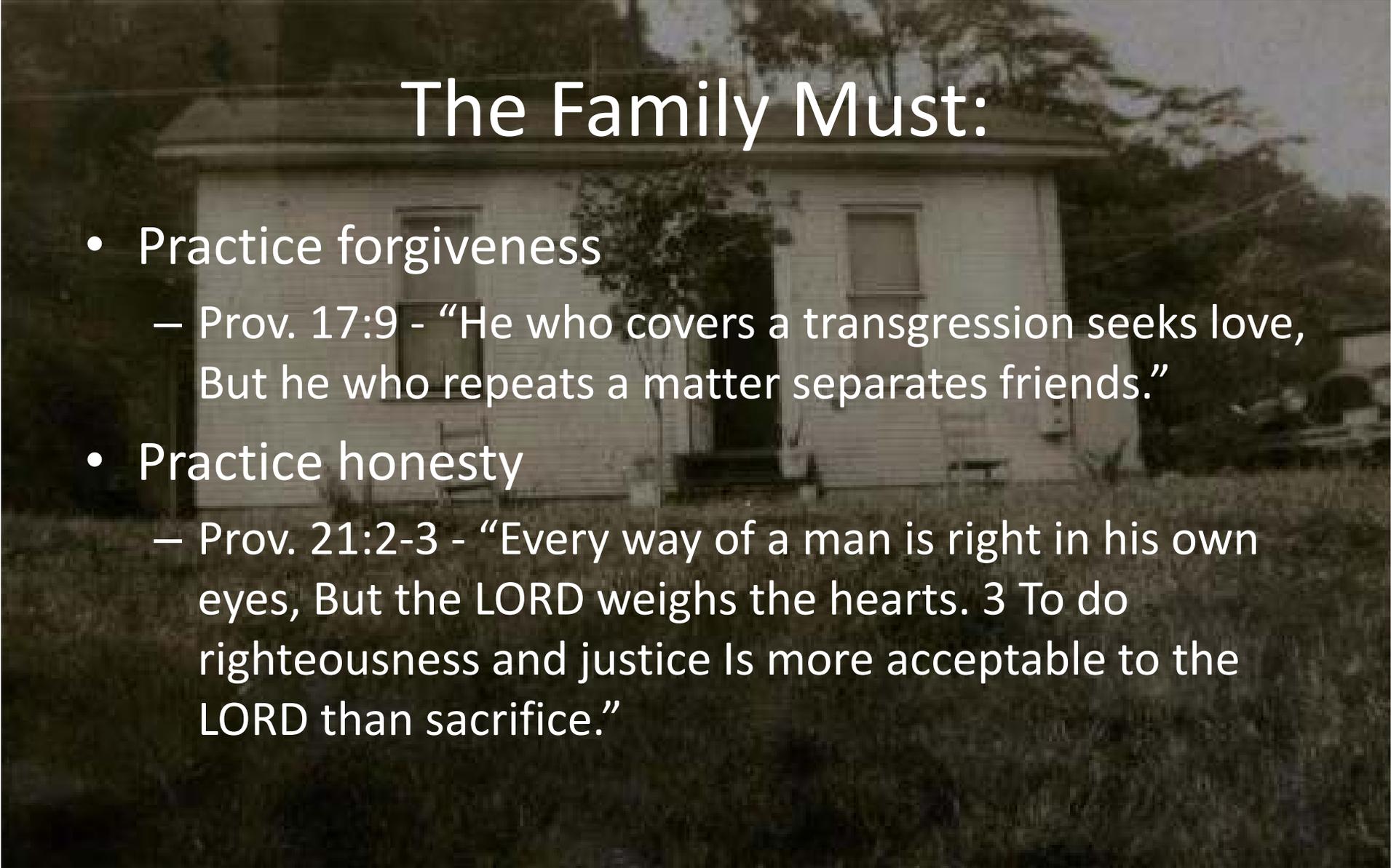
The Husband Must:

- Rejoice with the wife of his youth
 - Prov. 5:15-18 - “Drink water from your own cistern, And running water from your own well. 16 Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets? 17 Let them be only your own, And not for strangers with you. 18 Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth.”



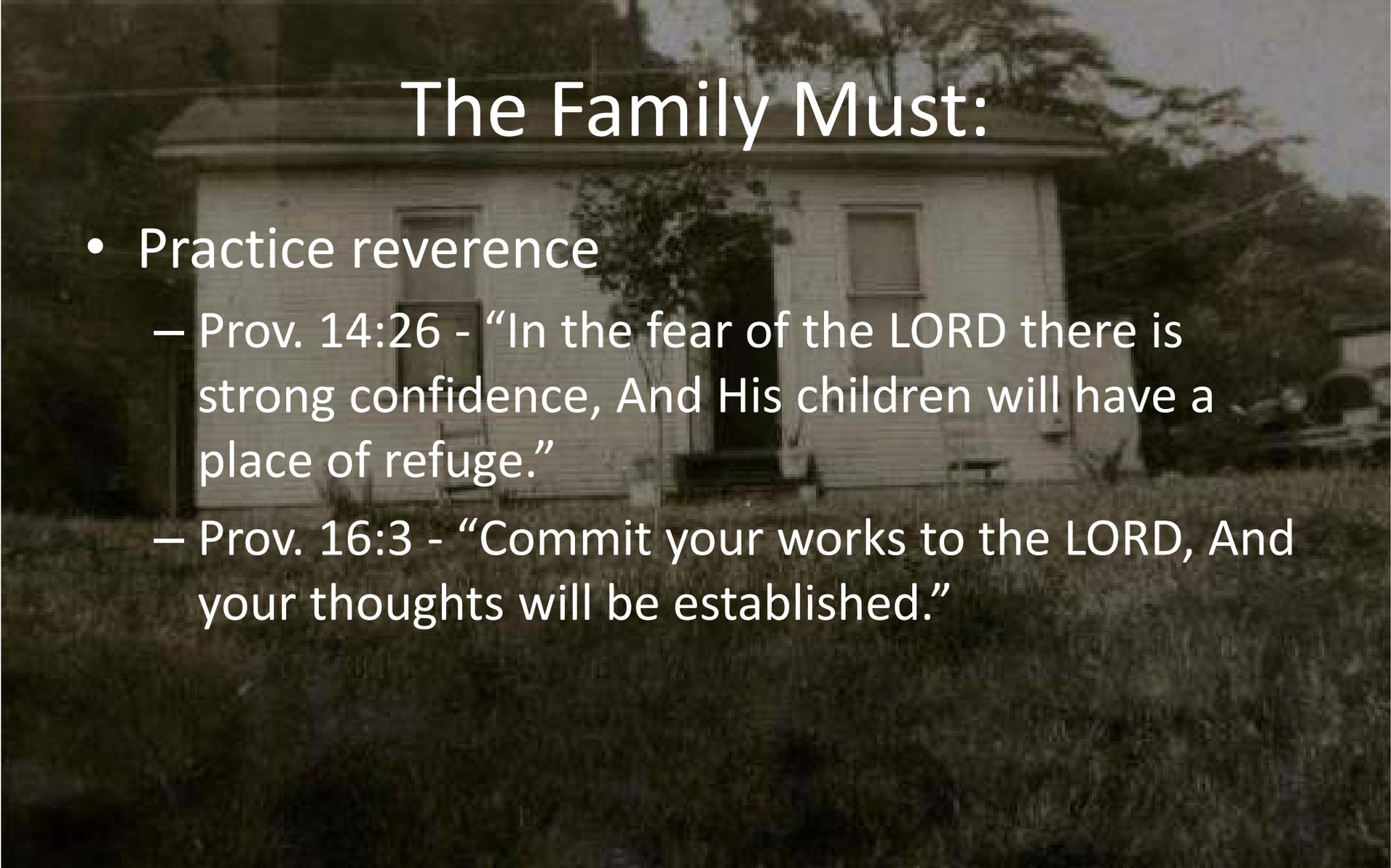
The Family Must:

- Guard their name and influence
 - Prov. 22:1 - “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.”
- Be accountable to one another
 - Prov. 12:15 - “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.”
 - Prov. 27:17 - “As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”



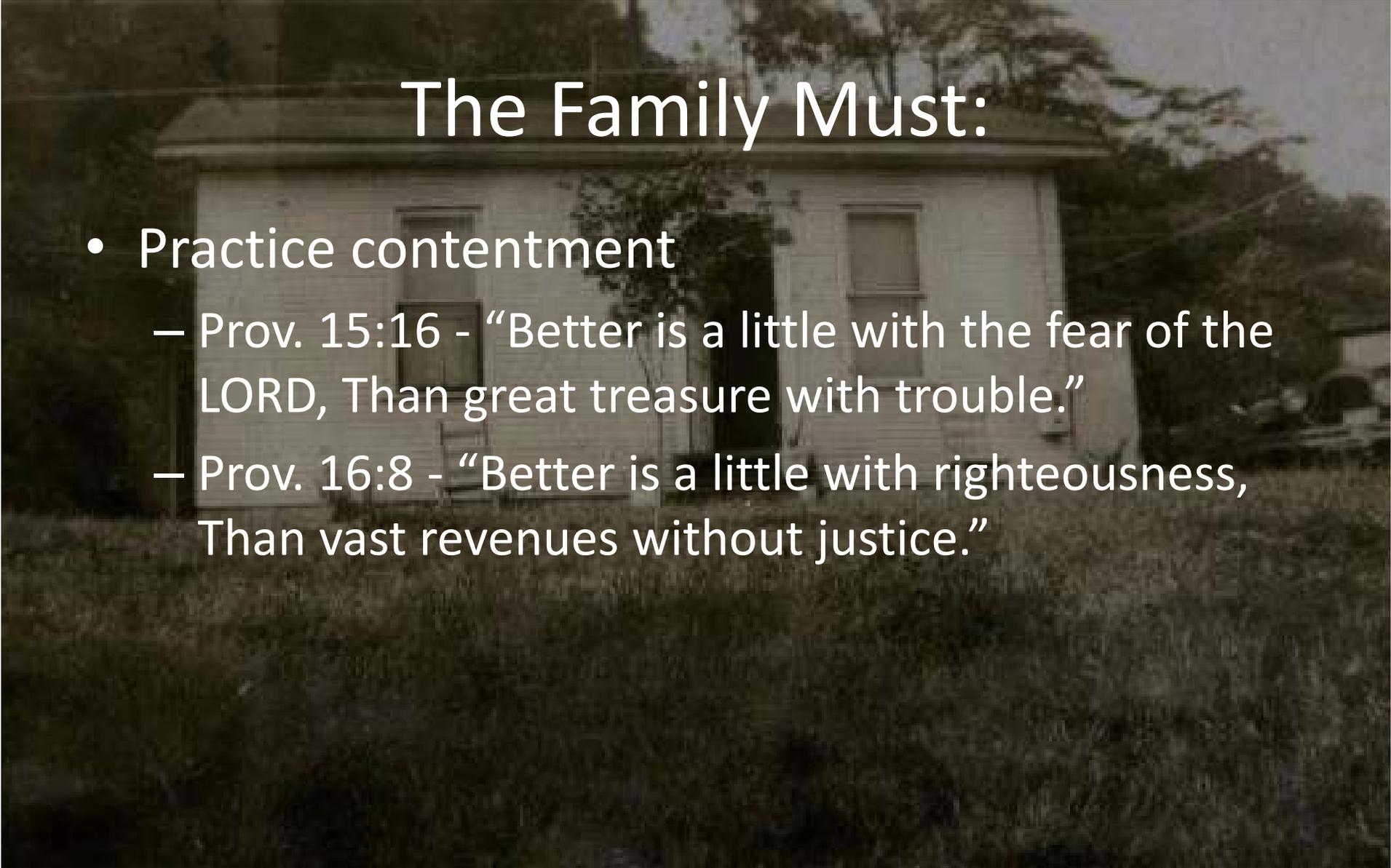
The Family Must:

- Practice forgiveness
 - Prov. 17:9 - “He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.”
- Practice honesty
 - Prov. 21:2-3 - “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts. 3 To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.”



The Family Must:

- Practice reverence
 - Prov. 14:26 - “In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.”
 - Prov. 16:3 - “Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established.”



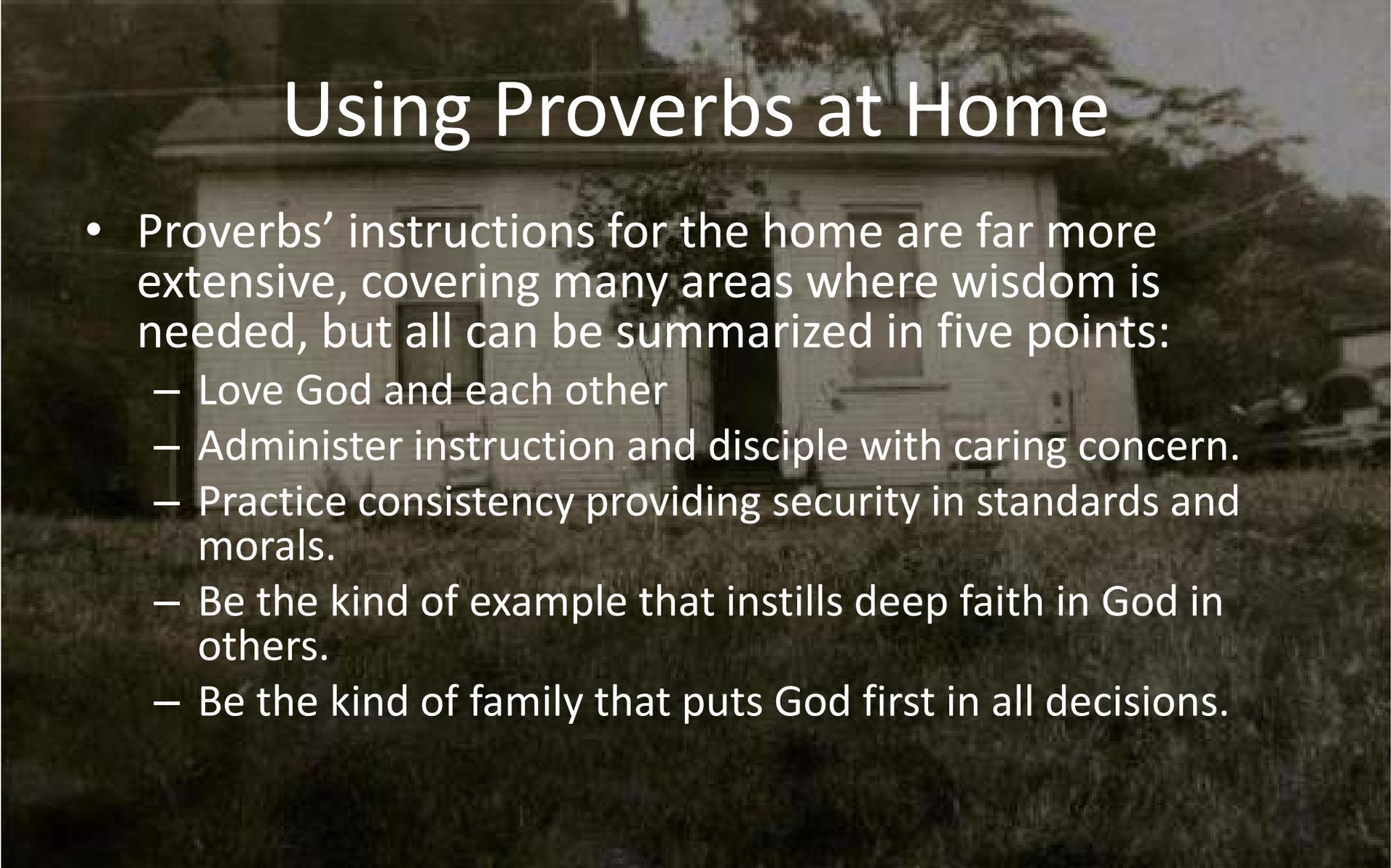
The Family Must:

- Practice contentment
 - Prov. 15:16 - “Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure with trouble.”
 - Prov. 16:8 - “Better is a little with righteousness, Than vast revenues without justice.”



The Family Must:

- Practice respect
 - Prov. 16:31 - “The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness.”
 - Prov. 23:22 - “Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.”
- Communicate
 - Prov. 25:11 - “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.”



Using Proverbs at Home

- Proverbs' instructions for the home are far more extensive, covering many areas where wisdom is needed, but all can be summarized in five points:
 - Love God and each other
 - Administer instruction and disciple with caring concern.
 - Practice consistency providing security in standards and morals.
 - Be the kind of example that instills deep faith in God in others.
 - Be the kind of family that puts God first in all decisions.