

***God's standards***, rooted in His perfect, holy nature, are centered on love for God and neighbor, demanding righteousness, justice, holiness, and obedience to His revealed will through scripture, with Jesus Christ as the ultimate example and the Holy Spirit empowering believers to meet these high, yet attainable, divine requirements for a meaningful life and eternal relationship with Him.

#### **Core Principles of God's Standards:**

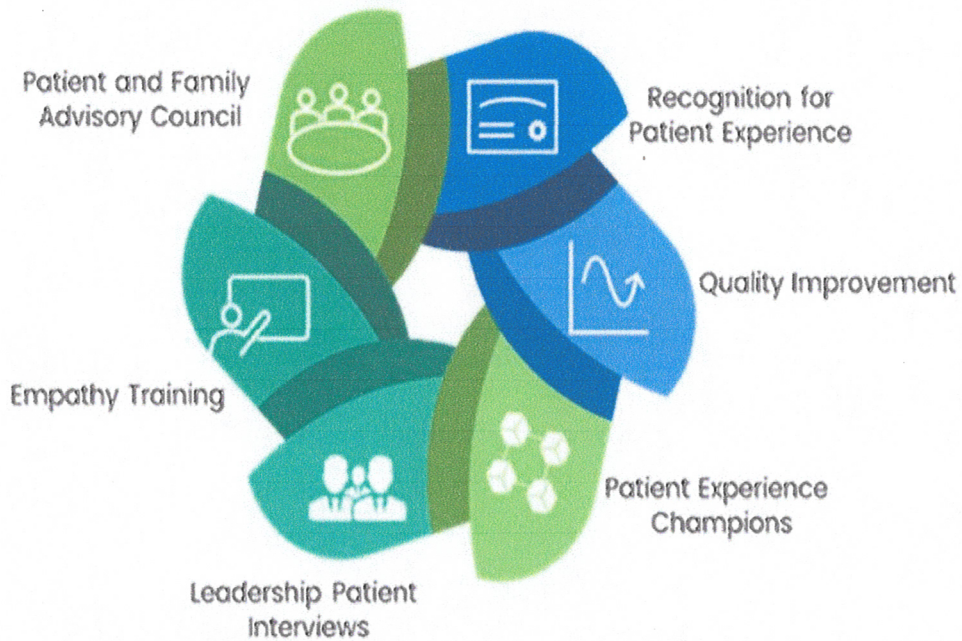
- **Love:** The Great Commandment to love God fully and love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-39).
- **Holiness & Righteousness:** Living pure, set-apart lives reflecting God's character (Leviticus 19:3; 1 Peter 1:15-16).
- **Justice:** Doing what is right and fair, which is more pleasing to God than mere sacrifice (Proverbs 21:3).
- **Obedience:** Following God's laws and commandments, as Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

## How to Understand and Live God's Standards (Christian Perspective):

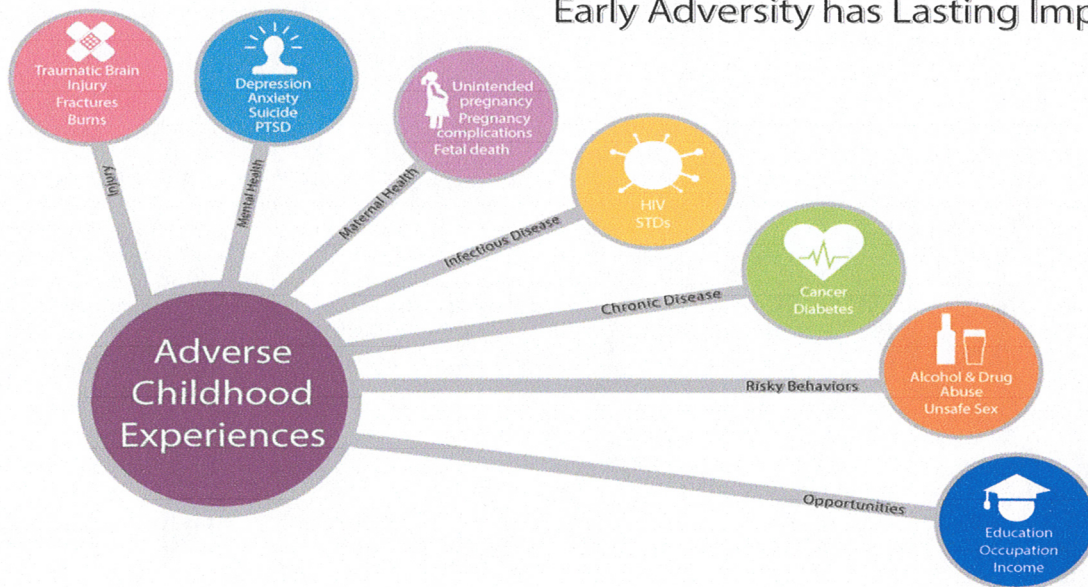
- **Study Scripture:** The Bible provides the detailed “plumb line” for morality and behavior (Jeremiah 10:10, John 17:3).
- **Embrace Jesus:** Christ’s life, teachings, and sacrifice reveal God’s standards and provide the righteousness needed (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- **Follow the Spirit:** The Holy Spirit guides, convicts, and empowers believers to produce virtues like love, patience, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).
- **Live by Faith, Not Sight:** Prioritize eternal values over worldly conformity (Romans 12:2).
- **Community:** Fellow believers help each other live worthy lives, fostering unity and witness (Ephesians 4:1-3).
- **Key Takeaway:** God’s standards aren’t just a rigid checklist but a call to a relationship of love and transformation, where through faith in Jesus and the power of the Spirit, believers grow in holiness and righteousness, reflecting God’s own perfect character.



## Patient Experience Culture



## Early Adversity has Lasting Impacts

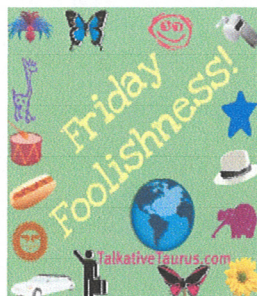


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The **main message of Proverbs 13** is the stark contrast between the outcomes of wisdom and foolishness, emphasizing that wise choices in speech, diligence, seeking counsel, and righteousness lead to life, fulfillment, and blessings, while laziness, foolish talk, rejecting discipline, and associating with the wicked bring ruin, poverty, and suffering. Key themes include the power of words (building up vs. tearing down), the rewards of hard work versus sloth, the importance of good companions, and accepting guidance for growth.

### Key Lessons from Proverbs 13:

<b>Wise Speech</b>	Controlling your tongue leads to long life; truthful words bring blessings, while deceitful or violent speech destroys.
<b>Diligence vs. Laziness</b>	The lazy desire but get nothing, while the diligent soul is satisfied and enriched through hard work.
<b>Seeking Counsel</b>	A wise son heeds instruction; those who



	mock wisdom suffer, but those who accept correction are honored.
<b>Righteousness &amp; Integrity</b>	Dishonest wealth fades, but what's earned through integrity and hard work multiplies; the righteous find contentment.
<b>The Company You Keep</b>	Walking with the wise makes you wise, but the companion of fools bring harm.
<b>Discipline &amp; Instruction</b>	A loving parent disciplines; despising correction brings shame, while heeding it brings honor.
<b>Hope &amp; Fulfillment</b>	Fulfilled hope is a tree of life, but delayed hope makes the heart sick.

In essence, the chapter serves as a practical guide, showing how living wisely according to God's principles leads to a flourishing life, whereas foolish living leads to destruction.