

Proverbs: Premeditated Parenting

Why Just Going To Church Isn't Enough:

1 Samuel 2 & 3 1 Kings 1:5-6

How To Be Wise Parents:

Proverbs 9

- ✓ There is a big difference between building a **house**, and building a **home**.
Proverbs 24:3-4 14:1
- ✓ Godly living is **caught**, more than **taught**.
Proverbs 3:1-4 22:6 Deuteronomy 6:4-9
 - We have to focus more on **GOD**, than **MVP**, or **GPA**.
- ✓ Every child needs consistent **consequences**, not empty **threats**.
Proverbs 13:24 19:18 22:6 29:15-17
- ✓ Rules without **relationship** lead to **rebellion**.
Proverbs 3:11-12 13:24 Hebrews 12:5-11 Ephesians 6:1-4
 - We have to **encourage** far more than **discourage**.
- ✓ You can't pick your **child**, but you can pick their **friends**.
Proverbs 13:20 18:24 22:24-25 27:17

Warning To The Wise:

Godly **parents** don't automatically make **godly children**.
Proverbs 13:1 17:25 30:11

Food for Thought for the Week of September 6, 2015

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. When it comes to values, we tend to adopt what's modeled to us while growing up. While it's important to understand your values, it's equally important to think through what values you're passing on to your children or the younger generations you come into contact with. How would you paraphrase the values below if you were teaching them to your children/grandchildren, the person you mentor, a younger co-worker, etc.?

Proverbs 12:12

¹² The wicked desire the stronghold of evildoers,
but the root of the righteous endures. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 12:14

¹⁴ From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things,
and the work of their hands brings them reward. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 12:17

¹⁷ An honest witness tells the truth,
but a false witness tells lies. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 12:21

²¹ No harm overtakes the righteous,
but the wicked have their fill of trouble. *[NIV]*

Colossians 3:13

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. *[NIV]*

Matthew 7:1-5

Judging Others

^{7:1} "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. *[NIV]*

Which of these values do you think others easily see in your life and which aren't as evident?

2. For many of us it's intimidating to think of being responsible for helping our children (or those under our care or direction) "catch" godliness. Fortunately, God has ways of speaking into our lives and we aren't alone in our parenting. How do the following verses describe how God speaks into our lives that could help us as we help others?

John 14:16-17

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. *[NIV]*

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. *[NIV]*

2 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, *[NIV]*

3. Oftentimes children react negatively to discipline in a way that can make us question or doubt our actions. As you read through Hebrews 12:5-11, write down any encouragements you find that could affirm the importance of godly discipline.

Hebrews 12:5-11

⁵ And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son."

⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸ If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰ They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. *[NIV]*

SEEKING GODLY WISDOM / Proverbs Daily Reading Plan:

Read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

- ⇒ What applies to me today?
- ⇒ Where have I seen this in others?
- ⇒ Where have I experienced this?

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