

Small Group & Personal Bible Study

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Memory Verses: Proverbs 22:6

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Discovery Bible Study Exercise:

In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Read Proverbs 22:6
- Step #2: Re-write in your own words Proverbs 22:6
- Step #3: Write down what you discover from this passage
- Step #4: What will you do to obey what this passage says?

Daily Meditation Readings:

Day 1 – Deuteronomy 6:1-6

Day 1 – Proverbs 2:1-11

Day 2 – Proverbs 2:12-22

Day 3 – Proverbs 3:1-6

Day 4 – Proverbs 3:7-35

Lesson: How to raise Godly kids in an ungodly world.

This week the Lord gave me some of the same passages from last week's reading that we should study even more deeply as parents. Read Proverbs chapter 2 and 3 through entirely two or three times then complete the questions below.

I have chosen to let you find your own answers as you read through Proverbs 2 and 3 this week. I have given one example of things God has shown me in these verses but there are many truths found in 2 and 3 and they cover almost every aspect of life. Challenge your group to dig deep into these verses to learn the things God would have them train their child in the way they should go.

1. Proverbs 1:7 says "fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." What wisdom do you find in Proverbs chapters 2 and 3?

To get you started as an example: Proverbs 2 verse 6 reminds me the wisdom comes from the mouth of the Lord. That reminds me to be in His word and listen to what He says.

2. List your findings of from Proverbs 2 and 3 that would indicate things you should teach your child to avoid as they grow older so that they may enjoy God's full blessings?

Again, an example only: Proverbs 2 verse 12 says that I should be alert to not follow wicked men with perverse words. That would indicate for example, the type of shows I let my children watch or the kids at school they hang out with.

3. Write down the positive promises from God that you could pass on to your child found in Proverbs 2 and 3.

Finally, an example of the positive promise is found in Proverbs 2:8 says the God will guard our course if we are just. That tells me that if I do the right things for the right reasons God will be my guard as I go on my walk with Him.

4. How does this week's memory verse give you comfort as a parent? How does it challenge you?

It should be noted that if we lay a strong foundation based on obedience to the Word of God, when the child grows to an adult, even though they may wonder, God's Word will be deep in their heart and bring them back to truth. Most if not all of us experience our children failing our expectations, wondering from God, or simply searching for real truth. It is important for every child to make their belief real to them. It cannot remain their parent's belief. Unfortunately, many wonder away from what we see as following God in the process, but His word promises that if we lay truth as a foundation, then the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God will bring them back to truth. As a parent, I have experienced that with all three children and yet, each is stronger when their faith is proven genuine and real.