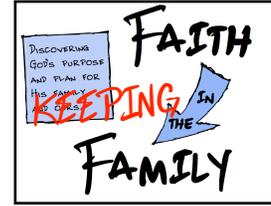


# Church's Commitment to Pray for Our Children



- They would become fully-committed followers of Jesus
- Learn to respond to authority properly
- Take responsibility for their own attitudes, actions, thoughts, and words
- Develop the ability to respond to life's challenges appropriately
- Learn self-control
- Develop their God-given creativity and contribute to what God is doing in the world
- Spiritual walk, prayer life, love of and time in the Word
- Develop a servant's heart and serve like Jesus
- Their parents and siblings

*The proverbs of Solomon.*

*A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish son is a grief to his mother. Proverbs 10:1*

*A wise son accepts his father's discipline, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. Proverbs 13:1*

*A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises, his mother. Proverbs 15:20*

*A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him. Proverbs 17:25*

*He who robs his father or his mother, and says, "It is not a transgression," is the companion of a man who destroys. Proverbs 28:24*

*The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who **gets his own way** brings shame to his mother. Proverbs 29:15*

Parents are responsible to **discipline**, and **lead**, and **influence** their children.

*Proverbs 1:10 — "If sinners entice you, turn your back on them!"*

*Proverbs 1:24 – 27 —<sup>24</sup> "I called you so often, but you wouldn't come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention. <sup>25</sup> You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered. <sup>26</sup> So I will laugh when you are in trouble! I will mock you when disaster overtakes you —<sup>27</sup> when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster engulfs you like a cyclone, and anguish and distress overwhelm you.*

*Proverbs 1:30 – 32 —<sup>30</sup> They rejected my advice and paid no attention when I corrected them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way, choking on their own schemes. <sup>32</sup> For simpletons turn away from me — to death. Fools are destroyed by their own complacency.*

One of the main lessons of Proverbs is that **we** are responsible for the decisions **we** make.

*Proverbs 9:12 — If you are wise, you are wise for **yourself**, and if you scoff, **you alone** will bear it.*

*Proverbs 19:3 — The foolishness of man subverts his way, and **his** heart rages against the Lord.*

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching; indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head, and ornaments about your neck. Proverbs 1:8-9

<sup>1</sup> My son, if you will receive my sayings, and treasure my commandments within you . . . <sup>5</sup> Then you will discern the fear of the Lord, and discover the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:1 & 5

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments. Proverbs 3:1

Hear, O sons, the instruction of a father, and give attention that you may gain understanding. Proverbs 4:1

### Under the Law

"Fathers shall not be put to death for their sons, nor shall sons be put to death for their fathers; everyone shall be put to death for his own sin." Deuteronomy 24:16

**Principle:** Each individual is responsible for his or her own sins.

Deuteronomy 5:9 "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me."

### What is involved in **training a child**?

Proverbs 22:6 — Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Hebrew word = *hanak* = "to start" or "to begin." "Training a child," suggests starting religious and moral education at **birth**, so that their choices later in life will be governed by the values they were taught in childhood.

2 Timothy 3:14 & 15 — <sup>14</sup> But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. <sup>15</sup> You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from **childhood**, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:5 — I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your **grandmother** Lois and your **mother**, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.

### IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR LIVES

1. You cannot rest on the \_\_\_\_\_
2. You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ or your past
3. Godly parents do not have to \_\_\_\_\_ over the bad choices their children have made
4. We dare not be \_\_\_\_\_
5. Children \_\_\_\_\_
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ has a responsibility for the \_\_\_\_\_