

Raising the Children God Loves

Proverbs 24:3-4; 22:6 & others

GOD ENTRUSTS US WITH THE CHILDREN HE CHERISHES!

I. _____ them deeply. [Prov 4:1-4; Mark 10:13-16]

1a _____ in them. (Prov 23:24-25; Psalm 127:3)

2a _____ their heart. (Prov 4:1-4, 23; 23:19, 26)



II. _____ them wisely. [Prov 22:6]

1a Lead by _____. (Prov 20:7 *cf.* 4:11; 13:20; 14:26; 23:26)

2a Teach wisdom through instruction & _____. (Prov 1:7-9; 29:17)
(*cf.* 4:11; 6:20-23; 3:11-12; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15, 17; Matt 28:19-20; Eph 6:4; Heb 12:7-11)

3a Point them to _____!
(Prov 9:10 *cf.* Mark 10:13-16, 45; 1 Cor 1:30; 1 Tim 1:15; 2 Tim 3:15)

III. _____ HIM completely. [Prov 3:5-6]

1a Trust His _____. (Prov 3:5-6; 16:9; 21:31 *cf.* Is 55:8-9; Rom 8:28-29; 11:33-35)

2a Trust His _____. (Prov 14:26 *cf.* Ps 103:13; Mark 10:13-16; Rom 5:8; 8:32)

Group Discussion Questions

Raising The Children God Loves: Wisdom in the Home Proverbs 24:3–4

Big Idea: ***God Entrusts Us with the Children He Cherishes!***

[Note: *These questions are designed for everyone, whether you are currently raising children, have adult children, have no children, or have experienced the loss of a child. Recognize that while parents carry a unique responsibility, the entire church family has an opportunity to cherish children, model godly wisdom, and point the next generation to Jesus.*]

1. Who was an adult in your childhood who made you feel genuinely loved and valued? What did they do that made such an impression?

Treasure Them Deeply:

2. Read Proverbs 23:24-26; Mark 10:13-16 – What is the difference between loving a child and making a child feel genuinely treasured? How did Jesus demonstrate this?
3. Proverbs 23:26 says, “My son, give me your heart.” What does it mean to heed a child’s heart rather than simply manage their behavior? How can parents and other adults do this?

Train Them Wisely:

4. Read Proverbs 22:6; 20:7; 29:17 – The sermon identified several ways to train up a child: model by example and teach through both instruction and discipline. Which do you think is most often neglected today, and why?
5. The sermon emphasized using discipline as discipleship rather than simply correcting bad behavior. How does this principle change the way we approach instruction and correction in the relationships God has entrusted to us?
6. The ultimate goal isn’t merely raising well-behaved children but to point them to Jesus. How can we as parents, grandparents, church family, or other influential adults, help the next generation understand their need for the gospel?

Trust HIM Completely:

7. What are some ways our culture’s ideas about raising and influencing children conflict with God’s Word? Why can it be difficult to trust and follow God’s wisdom instead?
8. Why is it sometimes easier to trust God with our own lives than to trust Him with the lives of children we love? How does remembering God’s heart for children help us trust Him even when we don’t understand His ways?

Personal Application: ***God entrusts us with the children He cherishes.***

9. Who is a child or young person God has placed in your life, and what is one specific way you can treasure them more deeply, help guide them toward godly wisdom, or demonstrate greater trust in God concerning their life this week?

Prayer: Pray for those directly affected by the recent tragedy at Silver Rail Elementary in Bend. Pray for our Cornerstone family as we seek to be *A Church Family Building Great Families*. And pray for one another as we take seriously the responsibility entrusted us to treasure, train, and trust God with the children around us.