



Extreme Parenting

It Takes A Village (Partnership)

Proverbs 3:5-6

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A parent's priority is to gradually transfer a child's dependence away from Mom and Dad until it rests solely on God.

•"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

We Partner With God to Raise Our Children - Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 4-9

Some of the many practical examples from Proverbs in how to partner with God - we should train them to:

- 1) Fear, respect God and get understanding. (Proverbs 1:7,9:10)
- 2) Not bow to peer pressure or follow along with the crowd. (Proverbs 1:10-16)
- 3) Keep love and being faithful at the forefront of life. (Proverbs 3:1-4)
- 4) Manage God's money carefully and be generous. (Proverbs 3:9-10, 11:25)
- 5) Watch their words. (Proverbs 4:24, 13:1-3)
- 6) Not be pulled into the power and deception of lust. (Proverbs 5:7-20)
- 7) Not enter into commitments lightly. (Proverbs 6:1-4)
- 8) Be responsible and not lazy. (Proverbs 6:6-8)
- 9) Carefully select friends. (Proverbs 13:20)
- 10) Guard their minds. (Proverbs 23:7)

We Partner With Godly People to Raise Our Children

- We work together as partners who belong to God. 1 Corinthians 3:9
- Do not only pour that Godly wisdom you have learned into your children, but into your grandchildren as well. Deuteronomy 4:9

We Can't Impart What We Don't Possess

- When we partner with God to raise our children, we can't lead them any farther than we are ourselves.
- If we don't make our own relationships with Christ a priority, no matter how much we tell them how important it is, they aren't going to believe it.
- For kids to become active Christ-followers as adults:
 - 72% will if both Mom and Dad go to church.
 - 15% will follow Christ as adults if only Mom goes.
 - 55% will follow Christ if only Dad goes.
 - 6% will if neither Mom nor Dad go.

Do you need to take a step closer to Jesus starting this week?

What will that look like for you?