



Sermon Questions

Date: *August 21, 2022* | Scripture: *Proverbs on Parenting (see reverse)*

1. Consider your own family story. In what ways have your parents (or other leaders) shown you wisdom through direction or discipline? How have they failed to? How have we responded to direction or discipline? How have we failed to?
2. What is it that we celebrate the most in our kids? How can we encourage them in the pursuit of wisdom?
3. Whether or not you are a parent, everyone finds themselves in a position to exercise leadership and authority over others. What other spheres of influence can you show direction and discipline? Where do you have a voice to the younger generation? (Look to the Westminster Larger Catechism handout on the fifth commandment to help get a sense of these relationships)
4. Read over Proverbs 13:24. Where do you find that helpful? How does it motivate you in parenting and leading others? Where do you find it hurtful? How has it drawn attention to your shortcomings in parenting and leading?
5. How does our union in Christ teach and empower us to parent and lead? How often do you think of the fact that God is your Father? What difference does that make for you?

Inward Grace in Action

6. As a church family, we all take vows to help one another raise the children in our church in fear and admonition of the Lord. What are ways you can intentionally engage in the lives of kids in our church? How can you love and support the kids of the families in your Community Group?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Exodus 4:18-23
- Psalm 36
- Isaiah 63:7-14
- Matthew 12:46-50
- Romans 8:12-17
- Hebrews 12:3-11

Serve: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

Pray for those in our church who have survived abuse, that we might be a safe and supportive family for them. [Click Here](#) to see more about our church's Care ministry.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

PROVERBS 4:1-13; 3:11-12; 13:24; 22:6; 23:15-16, 22-26 (ESV)

4:1-13 Hear, O sons, a father's instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain insight,
for I give you good precepts;
do not forsake my teaching.
When I was a son with my father,
tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,
he taught me and said to me,
“Let your heart hold fast my words;
keep my commandments, and live.
Get wisdom; get insight;
do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.
Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;
love her, and she will guard you.
The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever you get, get insight.
Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;
she will honor you if you embrace her.
She will place on your head a graceful garland;
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”
Hear, my son, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
When you walk, your step will not be hampered,
and if you run, you will not stumble.
Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.

3:11-12 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
for the Lord reproves him whom he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates his son,
but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.

23:15-16 My son, if your heart is wise,
my heart too will be glad.

My inmost being will exult
when your lips speak what is right.

23:22-26 Listen to your father who gave you life,
and do not despise your mother when she is old.
Buy truth, and do not sell it;
buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.
The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice;
he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.
Let your father and mother be glad;
let her who bore you rejoice.
My son, give me your heart,
and let your eyes observe my ways.