
SERMON OUTLINE

The Foundation of Parenting

Selected Proverbs

- I. The 1st Goal of Parenting – Becoming the person God is shaping me to be
- A. Pursue *personal holiness*: Influence through example
- God's purpose for me is to shape me as I relate to Him as His child (2 Corinthians 6:15-7:1)
 - The struggles of parenting are a perfect opportunity for me to grow spiritually.
 - Personal godliness must be my true priority – and my children will benefit (Proverbs 14:26, 27; 20:7)
 - What are my priorities? "*I can't pass on what I don't possess.*" (4:10-11)
- B. Pursue *relational godliness*: Influence through relationship
- A parent's love and grace creates an atmosphere that helps children receive their teaching and example.
 - The relational character traits of Proverbs also apply to parenting (forgive, restrain anger, be humble etc.)
- II. The other goal of Parenting – Helping shape my child into the person God wants them to be
- A. Teach to impart wisdom (2:1-8; 3:1-8; 4:1-13)
- The goal of parenting is to transfer a God-focus to our children (2:1-8; 24:21; Psalm 78:4-8; Malachi 2:15).
- B. Discipline to shape character
- Character is shaped earlier than we usually think (1:2-4; 20:11; 22:6).