

WE SURE HAVE A LOT TO LEARN AND TO TEACH

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Proverbs 21

SUMMARY:

Proverbs is perceived to be the ultimate place for spiritual wisdom and training. We have discovered, week after week, bits of spiritual wisdom and guidance for our lives. We also have a responsibility to teach our children and grandchildren these bits of wisdom. That is what a home/family can be: the ultimate, intensive, comprehensive place for spiritual training. So...let's do it!

NOTES:

Solomon in the book of Proverbs says, "Parents, train up a child in the way he/she should go."

Ephesians 6:4 says, "Fathers, instruct your children in the things of God."

We want our children and grandchildren to know, by the time they leave our home, that the essence of Christianity is a RELATIONSHIP

We want our children and grandchildren to know that SERVING CHRIST is the most satisfying experience any of us can have.

We want our children and grandchildren to know that OBEYING the Lord is the pathway to a BLESSED LIFE.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: How can we do better at making our home and our teaching of our children and grandchildren more like a seminary – a place of ultimate spiritual training and love.

Discussion:

Why does the Lord regard "sacrifice" (vs. 3, 27) as unacceptable, even detestable? What does God want instead (see vs8 and Micah 6;7-8)?

What does this say about mere religious ritual or orthodox belief?

What different feelings do verses 9 and 19 arouse in the men of your group? Why?

Where are you living these days? Why there?

APPLICATION:

The two most powerful words Jesus every said were "FOLLOW ME" In three short years the handful of men that Jesus started with were transformed into a group so strong spiritually that they turned the world upside down and they changed the course of human history. Men, the methodology that Jesus used has never been improved upon.

If you want your kids and grandkids to learn the spiritual basics then you make sure that YOUR understanding is that the essence of true faith is a relationship. If you want your kids and grandkids to someday serve God then discover YOUR spiritual gift that makes YOU useful in the kingdom. Let them see the JOY that YOU have in your serving Christ. If you want your kids and grandkids to obey God, then YOU obey God. Will YOU make that commitment?

ON YOUR OWN...

Deut. 6:4-9

Deut 11

Deut. 32

II Timothy 1:3-7

Ephesians 5:4