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**Parental Guidance is Suggested**

Proverbs 22:6

**Key Truth:** Parenting is not about holding a **title**, it’s about teaching children God’s wisdom and preparing them to be **productive** adults in a forever changing world.

**The Beginning Stages of Parenting:**

1. **Training** your child starts young and the godly wisdom you

 provide is **priceless**. Deuteronomy 6:5-8 Proverbs 22:6

2. What you do and how you do it **matters**. Proverbs 20:7

3. **Discipline** the Lord’s way is **vital** in a child’s development.

 Proverbs 12:1

 A. **Withholding** discipline will create deep rooted **Rebellion**.

 Proverbs 13:24

 B. Discipline puts **everything** back in **order**. Proverbs 23:13-14

**The Frustration Period Of Parenting:**

1. Begin to gradually **relinquish** control. 2 Corinthians 8:7:

2. Take on a **coaching** role instead of a **dictator’s** role.

 Ephesians4:29

**The Adult Stage Of Parenting:**

1. Recognize and **respect** that you have **differences**.

 Philippians 2:3-4

2. Remember not to be **critical** of their decision-making Titus 2:7

**Wisdom Application of Parental Guidance:**

1. Trust God’s **Process** for your children’s development.

 Jeremiah 17:7 Philippians 1:6

2. We should **Pray** more than we **worry**. Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:7

 **Taking it Beyond The Walls:**

Allow God’s wisdom to be the catalyst of how we behave with and in front of our children and how we respond to our children.

**Food For Thought**

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

What applies to me today?

Where have I seen this in others?

Where have I experienced this?

Options To Maximize Your Reading Of Proverbs:

* Pick a Time - If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen. Consider your options.
* Mark it Up - Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you’ve done this over time.
* Write Down Your Thoughts - Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.

As you do this from day to day, know that you will be storing up for yourself insight on how to handle life as God would want you to, as well as helping others to live out the wisdom and love of God in your life.