

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

MORNING MESSAGE

“How to Raise Godly Kids”

Proverbs 1:22

- I. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN – “To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion” (Proverbs 1:4)
  - A. What do you teach your children? (v.4a)
    1. “Subtilty” means discretion, wisdom, understanding, or discernment
  - B. When do you teach your children? (v.4b)
    1. “Simple” means open, silly, happy-go-lucky, carefree
  - C. The early years are critical years
    1. When they are young they lack understanding
      - a. Proverbs 9:4, “Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding”
    2. When they are young they are led easily
      - a. Proverbs 14:15, “The simple believe every word”
- II. TEND YOUR CHILDREN – “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed” (Proverbs 13:20)
  - A. Surround your children with godly people (v.20a)
  - B. Shield your children from ungodly people (v.20b)
    1. Proverbs 22:10, “Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease”
  - C. Who is tending your children?
- III. TRAIN YOUR CHILDREN – “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6)
  - A. There is a plan (v.6a)
    1. “Train” means to hedge in
    2. “Child” describes a child from infancy to adolescence
    3. “In the way he should go” suggests there is a right way and a wrong way to go
  - B. There is a principle (v.6b)
    1. “Old” means to be aged
    2. “Depart from it” means to turn away

C. The most important job of any parent is to train your children

1. Train their mind
2. Train their heart
3. Train their will