

What are some clues in the Book of Proverbs that demonstrate that it is, at its core, a book about parenting? By “clues” I mean specific words or recurring themes that indicate the intent of Solomon to pass on wisdom to the next generation.

There are three primary objectives to Christian parenting. Parents are to protect their children, to provide for them, and to prepare them fully to lead lives that are pleasing to God. The first two seem to be fairly straight forward. The third, much more complicated. What is it about preparing our kids to live successful God-honoring lives that is so difficult?

Our primary text for this message was found in Proverbs 22:6. Take a minute and reflect on what it means to “train” a child? When does that training begin and when does it end? And what is significant about the phrase “in the way he should go”?

What did you think about the sports metaphor? In what ways do you see a parallel and where does it break down?

Training does not happen by accident. It must be intentional. How can parents, grandparents, foster parents, or even unrelated adults with no children intentionally invest in the training of kids? Answer this question personally. What is one way that I can intentionally participate in the training of a child that will help that child grow closer to God?

We know lessons can be taught but how are lessons caught? And why is it so important to be consistent in your Christian walk?

How can our past “normals” (how we were raised) affect our ability to effectively parent? How important is it that everything we do in parenting be a clear reflection of Biblical values and teaching?

What are the hallmarks of a strong Christ-centered marriage? If you are married and you have kids, how do you keep romance alive? And what are some creative things you might care to share?

What are some ways that we can empower our kids to stand firm in the face of temptation? Especially temptation as it relates to the growth and increasing accessibility of pornography.