



Bible study for the week starting August 11, 2019
PARENTAL GUIDANCE: PARENTING WITH PURPOSE

SHARE

1. What kinds of things have you seen change in parenting styles from previous generations until now. In your opinion, what has improved and what has gotten worse?

READ

2. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9. This “divine imperative” highlights parents’ duty to their children to daily instill God’s instruction into their lives. What are some simple ways we can do this?
3. Read Judges 2:7-13. We have seen the moral and Biblical fabric of our society unravel at lightning speed over the past several years. What is the cautionary tale we read in Judges 2?
4. Read Mark 7:14-23. Jesus talks about filling ourselves with good things, in order that good things would come out of us (see also Matthew 12:35). How can we better fill ourselves with good, so that this happens?
5. Read Proverbs 3:1-12. There is both a willingness on the part of the parent/mentor and a receptiveness on the part of the child involved. How can we better impart and receive this “steadfast love and faithfulness?”

APPLY

6. This is the week most children in our area go back to school. What are some ways we can support and bless the next generation’s formation?

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER!



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Proverbs 3:1-12

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“Trust in the Lord with all your **HEART**, and do not lean on your own **UNDERSTANDING**. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” -Proverbs 3:5-6

Being a Christ-like parent/influence is
a **DEMANDING** pursuit with a **HEAVENLY** goal.

Are you raising a **PERSON** or a **PET**?

There is a **DIVINE** imperative attached to our role within the Christian family.

Generation 1: “And the people **SERVED** the Lord...” (Judges 2:7ff)

Generation 2: “They **ABANDONED** the Lord...” (Judges 2:13ff)

Solomon’s wisdom: “Give your servant therefore an **UNDERSTANDING** mind to govern your people, that I may **DISCERN** between good and evil...” (1 Kings 3:9)

KNOWING wise advice is one thing; **APPLYING** it to your own life and the lives for which you carry responsibility is another. As rich and famous and powerful as Solomon was, he raised a **FOOL** (1 Kings 12:1ff).

Characteristics of godliness: **STEADFAST LOVE** and **FAITHFULNESS**. Grace-filled people can be loved, and faithful people can be trusted.

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