

Home Improvement – Week 3

How Do You Parent on Purpose?

Proverbs 22:6; Proverbs 3:1; Proverbs 15:1

1. What is one thing from the message that God used to encourage, challenge, or grow you?
2. Can you remember a time when you felt completely lost as a parent, mentor, or someone responsible for guiding another person? What was that moment like, and what did you learn from it?
3. Read Proverbs 22:6. Why do you think it's important to understand the difference between a promise and a principle when it comes to parenting or leading others?
4. What are some ways you've tried to control someone's choices out of love or fear? How did it affect your relationship with them?
5. Read Proverbs 3:1. Can you think of a time when someone's guidance impacted your heart instead of just your behavior? What made it so meaningful?
6. What's one thing you can do to strengthen your relationship with someone you're trying to guide, whether it's your child, a family member, or a friend?
7. What is one step you can take this week to parent, mentor, or influence someone with purpose rather than just managing their behavior? How can the group support you in that?
8. Take 10 minutes each day this week to SOAP through Proverbs 31:10–31. Consider including surrounding verses for context. (*SOAP = Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer*)

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Read Proverbs 22:6, Proverbs 3:1, Proverbs 4:23–27

Family Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever had someone guide you, like a coach teaching you a sport or a friend showing you how to play a game? What's the difference between someone who tries to control you and someone who helps guide you?
2. Why do you think it's important for parents to focus on connecting with their child's heart, not just controlling their behavior? Can you tell when someone is really listening to you versus just giving rules?
3. The Bible talks about starting a child on the right path, but it also says to guard your heart because everything you do flows from it. What are some things you let into your heart (like thoughts, shows, music) that could help or hurt you?
4. Parents are meant to shape our hearts, not just our behavior. What's something you've learned from your parents that's helped shape who you are? How can you let God shape your heart too?
5. If parenting is more about guiding than controlling, what are some ways you can let your parents guide you without feeling like they are trying to control you? What can you do to keep your relationship strong?

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