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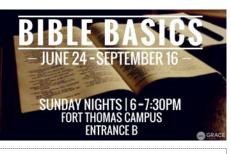
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Personal & Parental Trust in God Proverbs 3:5-6 Pastor Peter LaRuffa June 17, 2018

### I. Godly parents are not passive, but they are dependent!

(a) God calls us to entrust our parenting to Him.

### Prov. 3:5a - Trust in the Lord with all your heart...

trust: to have confidence; to be secure; to feel safe

(b) God calls us to not depend on our own understanding.

#### Prov. 3:5b - ...and do not lean on your own understanding.

**Prov. 14:12** - There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

lean: to support oneself

"*Trust* and *lean* both suggest the physical experience of supporting yourself on something or someone in total and helpless reliance and commitment." ~ DA Carson

II. Godly parents look to Christ to make paths straight for them and their children.

Prov. 3:6a - In all your ways acknowledge Him...

# acknowledge: to recognize, admit, & confess

(a) Acknowledge God as you speak of your parenting plans.

**James 4:15** - Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

(b) Acknowledge God by expressing parenting **prayers.** 

Phil. 4:6 - do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

(c) Acknowledge God by entrusting Him with your **paths** and those of your children.

**Prov. 3:6b** - ... and He will make straight your paths.

**1 Cor. 3:5-9** - What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

# III. Godly parents model Christ by leading by example, because more is caught than taught.

A. Jesus' teaching was never far from His example.

Acts 1:1 - In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach...

John 8:29,30 - "And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

B. The Bible inseparably links godly leading with godly living.

**1 Tim. 4:12** - ...but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

**1 Pet. 5:3** - not domineering over those in your charge, but being example to the flock.

**Heb 13:7** - Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

**Phil. 4:9** - What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me-practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Titus 2:7** - Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

C. Parenting is perhaps more about our everyday example than anything else.

**Deut. 11:19** - You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

## **Questions for Small Group and/or Personal Application:**

- 1. When is it particularly difficult for you to trust in the Lord?
- 2. Where are you tempted to trust in your own understanding instead of God's Word?
- Pastor Peter listed 3 ways to acknowledge God (in plans, in prayers, in paths). Which one of these is particularly helpful to you right now? How else can you acknowledge God "in all your ways?"
- 4. Whose example has greatly impacted you?