

Working Wisdom into the Next Generation Study Guide

Influencing the next generation is an awesome privilege and a great responsibility, which requires God's wisdom. If we fail to do this we will hinder them from influencing future generations. Our influence can take on many forms, such as parenting, grandparenting and mentoring. There are many Proverbs which speak specifically to parenting, however we can all glean principles from them to influence the next generation.

1. Write out Psalm 145:4. According to this verse and Psalm 78:2-4 how should we be influencing the next generation?

2. How can we influence the next generation when they are struggling (see Proverbs 12:25 and Romans 15:1)?

3. How should we influence the next generation according to Proverbs 22:6. What is the benefit from doing so? List some practical ways we can put this into practice.

4. How can we apply Ephesians 6:4 first to our children, then to others we are mentoring?

5. What are some of the benefits of disciplining children in Proverbs 29:17? Don't we all desire peace and delight in our souls? What are some practical ways that we can discipline or instruct children to know and to love God?

Psalm 127:3 tells us that children are a gift, a heritage and blessing from The Lord and of great value to Him. Our goal as parents, grandparents and mentors is to influence children to become mature, responsible adults who love God and others. We need to use every opportunity we have to teach and train them in the way they should go!