

Parenting Seasons
Biblical Parenting – Part 5
Life Church St. Louis – August 27, 2017
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Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV) For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV) Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 29:15 (ESV) The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

1. The _____ season

A. Be _____ in love

Psalms 22:9-10 (ESV) Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

B. Be consistent in _____

Proverbs 22:15 (ESV) Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

2. The _____ season

A. _____ their growth

1 Samuel 2:26 (ESV) Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and also with man.

B. Encourage _____ actions

Proverbs 20:11 (ESV) Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.

3. The _____ season

A. _____ by example

Proverbs 20:7 (ESV) The righteous who walks in his integrity— blessed are his children after him!

B. Communicate the importance of _____ friends

Proverbs 13:20 (ESV) Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

4. The _____ season

A. _____ on avoiding ungodly relationships

2 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV) Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

B. Counsel of _____ in God

1 John 2:14b (ESV) I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

C. Counsel on _____

Genesis 2:24 (ESV) Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Parenting Seasons Study Guide

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Intro. Why does God have different seasons in our lives and families (Ecclesiastes 3:1)?

Describe how the funnel illustration helps us understand parenting seasons.

Explain the conditional promise in Proverbs 22:6.

What parenting principle is given in Proverbs 29:13?

1A. How can parents be consistent in love in the pre-school season (Psalm 22:9-10)?

1B. What does Proverbs 22:15 tell parents about the need and effect of godly discipline?

1C. Why is the most common mistake of parents of pre-schoolers that of giving children too much freedom?

2A. Describe ways to encourage physical, relational and spiritual growth for pre-teens (1 Samuel 2:26)?

2B. What kinds of actions of a pre-teen would make them known as pure and upright (Proverbs 20:11)?

2C. How can parents encourage their pre-teens to do the right things with a good attitude without being told every time?

3A. Why is communication so important during the teen season?

3B. How can a parent communicate to their teenagers by example (Proverbs 20:7)?

3C. How can peer pressure be either positive or negative (Proverbs 13:20)?

3D. What common authority can you rely on when you communicate with your teenager? How can you use it?

4A. Why is avoiding ungodly relationships so important in the young adult years (1 Corinthians 6:14)?

4B. What kinds of counsel can you give to young adults to help them continue to grow in God (1 John 2:14b)?

4C. What role should parents take in their young adult children finding a marriage partner (Genesis 2:24)?