

Recap of 6/26/16 (Proverbs):

1. Positive Parenting Skills by Roger & Becky Tirabassi (from their book, How to Live With Them Since You Can't Live Without Them):

- Model your faith; model a loving relationship with God
- Pray regularly for your children
- Treat you children with respect (speak to them in the same tone of voice in which you wish to spoken to)
- Teach your children to give
- Whenever possible attend a church that has an excellent children's and/or youth program
- Say or do the things that you want your children to say and do (not a "do as I say, not as I do" mentality)
- Apologize to your children when it is appropriate
- Don't say "no" unless you have to
- Be loving toward your spouse in front of your children
- As your children get older discuss and evaluate with them, curfews, discipline measures, expectations and finances. The goal is to help them to develop disciplines and habits that will positively affect their futures.

2. The Bible warns against passive parenting: Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15,17).

3. "The Jewish people were noted for their love of children, and were among the best of parents in the ancient world. Such sayings as this [Proverbs 13:24] lend no support to an abusive approach to child-rearing, but instead emphasize the necessity of discipline if boys and girls are to freely choose God's way as adults." (Lawrence Richards)

4. Discipline involves training, guidance and correction.

5. God the Father is our example in discipline (Hebrews 12:5-11).

6. While not a law or a promise, Proverbs 22:6 is generally true (as is the nature of the Proverbs: "[Proverbs] are general principles or guidelines that are usually but not always true" – LifeChange Bible Study in Proverbs), that training a child in Biblical truths will yield benefits later on in their lives.