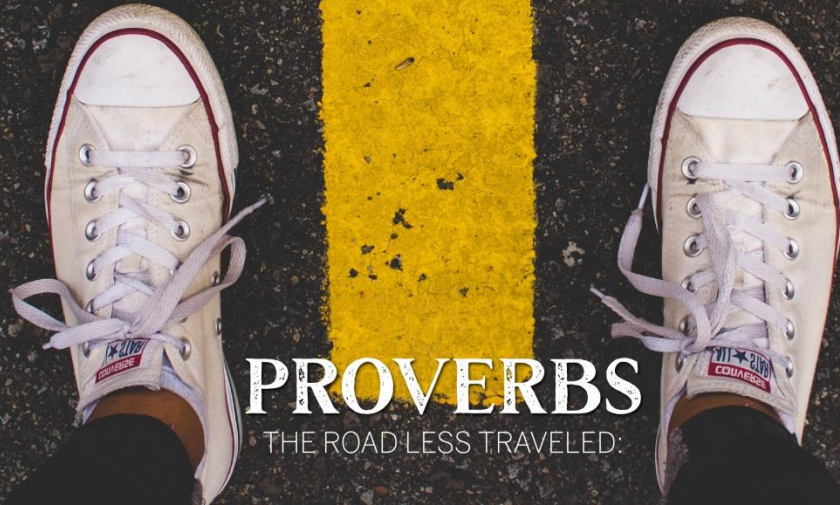


Families: From Surviving to Thriving



PROVERBS
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- We must have a genuine faith.
- Our strength, confidence comes from God.
- We must have a genuine faith we desire to share with our kids.
- Our faith/values are being passed on to our kids.
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 - Refuge
 - Physically
 - Emotionally
 - Spiritually

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Proverbs 22:6

- 6 Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.

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- Never forgetting our kids as a gift from God to be enjoyed.
- The family is the fundamental social unit for training kids.
- Children are born needing guidance.
- Children find security in boundaries.
- Guiding our kids takes more than words.

Proverbs 13:24

²⁴ Whoever spares the rod hates his son,
but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

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- **Guiding our kids takes more than words.**
 - **Raising/Training/Guiding our kids is not easy.**
 - Our words must have meaning.
 - Try not to expect our kids to not need guidance.
 - Help our kids build independence.
 - Never discipline a child for being a child.
 - All behavior is communicative.
 - Sometimes kids need firm direction.

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Treat Kids as Kids:

- Fun – Learning about Jesus will always be enjoyable.
- Safe – Building physically and emotionally safe environments enable children to thrive.
- Developmentally Appropriate – Designing learning experiences that are founded in the way God created children to learn.
- Question – Leveraging children's natural curiosity by promoting and celebrating questions.

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- Complement – Supporting parent's role as the primary voice.
- Team – Connecting parents to their children's Sunday morning experience.
- Surround – Fostering community of parents with parents.
- Empower – Providing resources that equip parents to be the best they can be.

There are no guarantees. It's a lot of work.

But nothing more meaningful and enjoyable.

Takeaways:

- Don't beat yourself up.
- If frustrated, reach out.
- Enjoy your kids.