

A Father's Instruction

Proverbs 4

Life Question

**What does God expect me to
teach my children?**

Teach Children the Wisdom of God

Teach them ...

- How to get wisdom.
- God's character reveals His wisdom.
- God's wisdom when it comes to daily life.

Teach Children to Walk with God

Teach them ...

- **Where to walk (v.11,18)**
 - "way of wisdom ... right paths ... of the just"
 - Why? Continual/consistent growth & life (v.12-13)
- **Where not to walk (v.14-15)**
 - "path of the wicked ... way of evil"
 - Why not? Evil is a constant livelihood; lostness (v.16-17,19)

Teach Children the Will of God

Honor God with my ...

- **Ears** – what I hear ... listen for/to God.
- **Eyes/Eyelids** – what I see ... seek God.
- **Heart** – what I think ... meditate on God.
- **Flesh** – way I treat my body ... take care of it because it is God's body.
- **Mouth/Lips** – what I say ... speak the words of God.
- **Feet** – where I go ... God centered activities.

Children's Responsibility

- Hear (v.1)
- Attention for the purpose of knowledge (v.1)
- Commitment to keep(v.2)
- Uphold/Sustain (v.4)
- Obedience (v.4)

Leads to LIFE!
Proverbs 3:1-8

Applications

- **Intentionally engage my children.**
- **Visually display a hunger for the things of God.**
- **Protect my children from every form of evil.**