

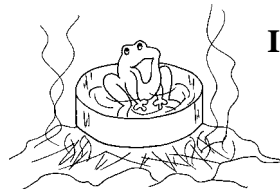
# Preparing Your Children to Leave Home with Lifetime Convictions

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Watching

## Introduction



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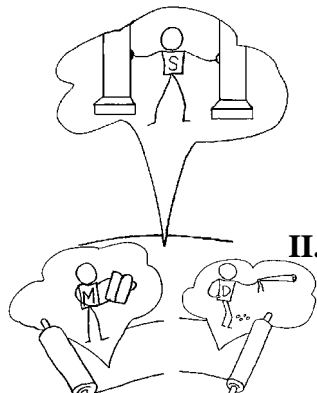
## I. Expectations for Parents and Teens

### A. Parental Paradigm

### B. Expectations for Teens

## II. Parental Responsibilities

### A. L \_\_\_\_\_ as an example



Only Heroes  
and Highlights?



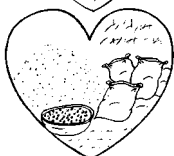
### B. I \_\_\_\_\_ your children



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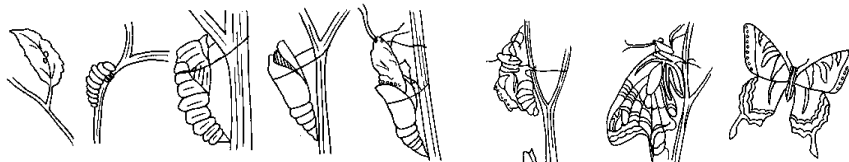


Meal Time



Which soil are you?

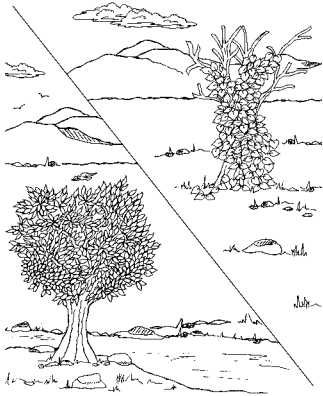
## Conclusion and Q&A



What must happen for a butterfly to fly?

# Transplanted by Rivers of Water

## Psalm 1



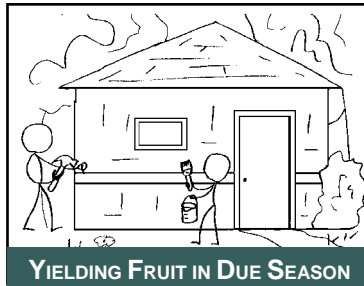
1. Blessed *is* the man  
Who walks not in the counsel of the  
ungodly,  
Nor stands in the path of sinners,  
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
2. But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,  
And in His law he meditates day and  
night.
3. He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season,

- Whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And whatever he does shall prosper.
4. The ungodly *are* not so,  
But *are* like the chaff which the wind  
drives away.
5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in  
the judgment,  
Nor sinners in the congregation of the  
righteous.
6. For the LORD knows the way of the  
righteous,  
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

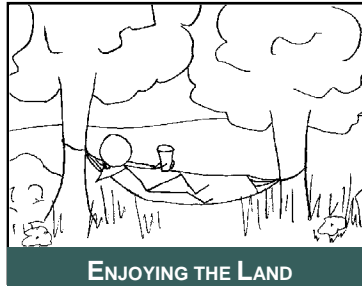
## Building ... Enjoying ... Destroying



WATCHING



YIELDING FRUIT IN DUE SEASON



ENJOYING THE LAND



WAITING FOR DESTRUCTION

## Deuteronomy 6:4-7 - Whet Their Appetites

4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your

heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

## Luke 10:38-42 - Mary and Martha

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You

not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

## Matthew 7:13-23 - Beware of Wolves

13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?" 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

I Never Knew You

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

## Educational Beliefs (Not Endorsed)

### "What Can the Preschool Child Learn?"

from *The World Is Me* by E. C. Murphy. David C. Cook Publishing, 1979, 1982

#### About God?

God made all things.  
God made me.  
God loves me.  
God cares for me.  
God uses people to care for me.  
God is with me all the time.  
God hears me when I pray.  
God knows what is best for me.  
God is in Heaven.  
I can sing and talk to God.  
God forgives me when I am sorry.

#### About Jesus?

Jesus is God's Son.  
God sent His Son to earth.  
Jesus was once a child, growing as other children.  
Jesus is now in Heaven with God.  
Jesus loves me.  
Jesus is my Friend.

#### About the Bible?

The Bible is a special Book.  
The Bible is God's Book.  
The Bible tells about God and Jesus.  
The Bible is a Book of true stories.

#### About the Church?

We have happy times at church.  
This is my church.  
God's helpers work here.  
We learn about God at church.  
I can help at church.  
I can bring gifts here to show I love God.  
I can ask other boys and girls to come to church, too.

#### About his Home?

God gave me my home.  
God gave me my father, mother, sisters, brothers.  
God gave me my grandparents and other relatives.  
I can help at home.

#### About Pleasing God?

God wants me to be kind.  
God wants me to share.  
God wants me to love everyone.  
God wants me to obey my parents.  
God wants me to be a helper.

#### About Reaching Others with the Gospel?

God loves all the children in the world.  
Some children do not know about God.  
I can pray for our missionaries.  
I can give money to help other children know about God.  
I can tell friends and neighbors that God loves them.

## Romans 7:14-25 - excerpts - Two Laws

14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do

what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

## Hebrews 5:11-14 - Meal Time: Milk or Meat?

Of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *some- one* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who

partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

**Basic Presuppositions**

**Biblical Presuppositions**

**Man's Presuppositions**

**Scripture:**

**Scripture:**

**God:**

**God:**

**Fleshly Man:**

**Fleshly Man:**

**Eternity:**

**Eternity:**



## DAILY STUDY

### Hidden Treasure

Passage: Read Proverbs 2

Verse: Proverbs 2:4-5

#### DAY 1 LET'S BEGIN:

1. List eight action words from Proverbs 2:1-4.
2. Which of the words stand out to you, and why?
3. Who is doing the action in these verses?
4. What is an "if-then" statement?
5. Where is an "if-then" statement found in Proverbs 2:1-5?
6. What is the "then" part of this statement, and what does it say about what you are seeking?

#### DAY 2 VERSE ANALYSIS: Please fill in the missing words.

Proverbs 2:4-5

If you \_\_\_\_\_ her as silver, And \_\_\_\_\_ for her as for \_\_\_\_\_ treasures; \_\_\_\_\_ you will \_\_\_\_\_ the fear of the LORD, And \_\_\_\_\_ the knowledge of God.

1. What does it mean to seek and search?
2. What do you think is hidden, and why?
3. What does the word discern mean?
4. How can you discover the knowledge of God, and what do you think this means?

#### DAY 3 FIND the FACTS

1. Who does the subject change to in Proverbs 2:6-8?
2. What is important about how God is described in Proverbs 2:6-8?
3. On what does the promise in Proverbs 2:9 depend?
4. What are the subject words of Proverbs 2:10 - 11?
5. What has happened to you in Proverbs 2:10, and what does this mean?
6. What will happen for you in Proverbs 2:11?

#### DAY 4 THINK it THROUGH:

1. From what will you be delivered according to Proverbs 2:12-15?
2. From what will you be delivered according to Proverbs 2:16-19?

3. So what will happen according to Proverbs 2:20?
4. What will happen to the upright? (Pr. 2:21)
5. What will happen to the wicked? (2:22)
6. Do the truths of Proverbs 21–22 seem to be happening today? If not, what do you think these verses are saying?
7. How does Psalm 1 compare and contrast with Proverbs 2:13–15?
8. Try to summarize this chapter into a sentence of about ten words.

## DAY 5 PONDERING PROVERBS:

1. How have you been deceived or led astray?
2. What does it take to be a wise person according to Proverbs 2?
3. What have you seen in this chapter that you had not seen before?
4. How are you carrying out your part, and what should you do differently this week?
5. What is God waiting to do for you?
6. What can you share with someone else from this chapter?




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## Proverbs 2 - NKJV

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. My son, <b>if</b> you receive my words,<br/>And treasure my commandments within you,</li> <li>2. So that you incline thine <b>ear</b> to wisdom,<br/>And apply your heart to understanding;</li> <li>3. Yes, if you cry out for discernment,<br/>And lift up your voice for understanding;</li> <li>4. If you <b>seek</b> her as silver,<br/>And search for her as <i>for</i> hidden treasures;</li> <li>5. Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,<br/>And find the knowledge of God.</li> <li>6. For the LORD <b>gives</b> wisdom;<br/>From his mouth <i>come</i> knowledge and<br/>understanding;</li> <li>7. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;<br/><i>He is</i> a shield to those who walk uprightly;</li> <li>8. He guards the paths of justice,<br/>And preserves the way of His saints.</li> <li>9. <b>Then</b> you will understand righteousness and<br/>justice,<br/>Equity <i>and</i> every good path.</li> <li>10. When wisdom enters your heart,<br/>And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,</li> <li>11. Discretion will <b>preserve</b> you,<br/>Understanding will keep you,</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. To deliver you from the way of evil,<br/>From the man who speaks perverse things;</li> <li>13. From those who leave the paths of<br/>uprightness, To walk in the ways of<br/>darkness;</li> <li>14. Who rejoice in doing evil,<br/>And delight in the perversity of the wicked;</li> <li>15. Whose ways <i>are</i> crooked,<br/>And <i>who are</i> devious in their paths:</li> <li>16. To deliver you from the immoral woman,<br/>From the seductress <i>who</i> flatters with her<br/>words,</li> <li>17. Who forsakes the companion of her youth,<br/>And forgets the covenant of her God.</li> <li>18. For her house leads down to death,<br/>And her paths to the dead;</li> <li>19. None who go to her return,<br/>Nor do they regain the paths of life--</li> <li>20. So you may walk in the way of goodness,<br/>And keep to the paths of righteousness.</li> <li>21. For the upright will dwell in the land,<br/>And the blameless will remain in it;</li> <li>22. But the wicked will be cut off from the earth,<br/>And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.</li> </ol> |
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