

Leading Your Child Toward Authentic Faith

Proverbs 1:7; 3:1-7

Series: "Fragile: Handle with Care!"

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Proverbs 1:7 (CSB) - *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.*

Proverbs 3:1–7 (CSB) - *My son, don't forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commands; ²for they will bring you many days, a full life, and well-being. ³Never let loyalty and faithfulness leave you. Tie*

them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴Then you will find favor and high regard with God and people. ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely

*on your own understanding; ⁶in
all your ways know him, and he
will make your paths straight.
⁷Don't be wise in your own
eyes; fear the LORD and turn
away from evil.*

**1. Saturate your child's
life with the reality of
God.**

- **God is our Creator.**

Psalm 100:3 (CSB) -
Acknowledge that the LORD is
God. He made us, and we are
His — His people, the sheep of
His pasture.

Proverbs 1:7 (CSB) - *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.*

- **God is our Redeemer.**

Read Genesis 3

**2. Teach your child
about sin.**

- **What it does to them.**

**Read Proverbs 5:3ff., 6:12ff.,
7:6ff.**

- **What it did to Jesus.**

Acts 2:22–24 (CSB) - *“Fellow Israelites, listen to these words: This Jesus of Nazareth was a man attested to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did among you through him, just as you*

yourself know. ²³Though he was delivered up according to God's determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail him to a cross and kill him. ²⁴God raised

him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by death.”

**1 Corinthians 15:3 (CSB) -
*Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures.***

**3. Pray for God to turn
your child's heart to
Christ.**

Proverbs 21:1 (ESV) - *The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He will.*

- **The natural bent of a child's heart:**

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

- **The necessity of God's intervention:**

Psalm 127:1 (CSB) - *Unless the LORD builds a house, its builders labor over it in vain; unless the LORD watches over a city, the watchman stays alert in vain.*

**4. Look for signs of
spiritual stirring.**

- **Beware of “false labor pains.”**

- **Signs of true spiritual life emerging:**

1. Understanding and acceptance of the basics of the gospel message.

1 Corinthians 15:1–4 (CSB) -
Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel I preached to you, which you received, on which you have taken your stand² and by which you are being saved,

if you hold to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to

the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

**2. Grief over what his/her sin
did to Jesus.**

**Acts 2:37 (CSB) - *When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles:
“Brothers, what should we do?”***

**3. A surrender of the will to
Christ to be Lord.**

Acts 2:36 (CSB) - *“Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”*