



## WHAT KIND OF HOME DO YOU WANT?

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### A DEVASTATING MYTH

PROVERBS 22:6; 21:30-31; EZEKIEL 18:20

- The Myth: A godly \_\_\_\_\_ basically guarantees godly \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Truth: Parents can have great \_\_\_\_\_, but no \_\_\_\_\_.

### SIX GIFTS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

- ① A strong \_\_\_\_\_.  
EPHESIANS 5:21 – 6:4; MALACHI 2:13-16; GENESIS 2:24
- ② A \_\_\_\_\_ example.  
DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7; LUKE 6:40
- ③ Respect for \_\_\_\_\_.  
ROMANS 13:1; 1 PETER 2:13-22; 1 CORINTHIANS 5:12

- ④ Valuing \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 SAMUEL 16:7; MARK 8:36; MATTHEW 6:33
- ⑤ A \_\_\_\_\_ interest in \_\_\_\_\_ world.  
PHILIPPIANS 2:3-5
- ⑥ Battles \_\_\_\_\_.  
EPHESIANS 6:4; COLOSSIANS 3:21

### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What is the worst advice you have heard lately about parenting? If someone asked you for the most important principle to remember as a parent, what would you say?
2. Read Proverbs 22:6. What is the goal for parents/grandparents according to Proverbs 22:6? Why is this verse not a promise that we can claim? What does Ezekiel 18:20 teach us about the future behavior of our children?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-7. What did your parents or grandparents teach you about God? What do you wish they would have taught you? At what point in the day are your children/grandchildren most open to talking to you about God's Word? How can you take advantage of this time?
4. Read Galatians 6:9-10. Why is it sometimes easier to do good to someone outside of the home than to someone at home? How do we find a balance between controlling our children and trusting God for the outcome? How can you remind yourself of the promise in this verse the next time you feel unappreciated or discouraged?
5. Read Ephesians 6:4 & Colossians 3:21. What would you say is the difference between needed discipline and exasperating punishment? In what area of your life do you fall short of God's desire for you as a parent/grandparent?
6. We talked about how important setting a consistent example is in parenting (see point #2). Take some time to reflect on what you hope your children will catch as they watch what it looks like to know, love and follow Jesus in the following areas...serving and putting others first...forgiving others and owning up when you fall short...loving your enemies...speaking the truth to others...time with God.