**As for Me and My House – Pr. 3: 5 – 6**

**Focal Truth: Godly parents trust in the Lord & teach their children to trust Him**

Do your children know that you trust God in all the circumstances of your life?

As a parent have you shared with your children how when you put your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior?

Have your children seen God provide for your family in times when you had to trust Him for His help?

**Godly families trust in the Lord & experience His care, provision & direction**

Observations

1. **Godly parents dependently trust in the Lord & teach their children to dependently trust in the Lord**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart*

1. Trust in the Lord – trust = confidence, safety, security
2. Trust…with all your heart = trust with your will, your emotions, your mind
3. The godly put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ

Ps. 37:5 – commit your way to the Lord, trust him & he will do it

Ps. 62:8 – trust him at all times

Ps. 115:11 – you who fear the Lord trust in the Lord

Rom. 10:9 -10 – if you will confess with your mouth & believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you shall be saved. For with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness…

1. **Godly parents exclusively trust in the Lord & teach their children to exclusively trust in the Lord**

*Do not lean on your own understanding*

1. Don’t lean = to rely on, support oneself, trusting like leaning on something
2. Understanding = discernment
3. The ungodly do not have godly understanding

Eph. 4:18 – being darkened in their understanding exclude from the life of

God

1. The godly receive the gift of understanding through faith in Christ

Pr. 4:5 – Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding!

Pr. 9:10 – the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding

Ps. 119: 125 – I am your servant give me understanding

Pr. 3:13 – how blessed is the man who finds wisdom, & who gains understanding

Pr. 16:21 – understanding is a fountain of life to the one who has it

1 John 5:20 – we know that the Son of God has come, & has given us understanding that we may know Him who is true

1. **Godly parents completely trust in the Lord and teach their children to completely trust in the Lord**

*In all your ways acknowledge Him*

1. Acknowledge = learn to know, perceive, to know by experience, to recognize, to admit
2. The godly acknowledge – recognize God at work in all their circumstances
3. The godly acknowledge – recognize God at work in all their plans, purposes & desires

Ps. 9:10 – those who know your name will put their trust in you

Ps. 46:10 – cease striving – be still and know that I am God

1. **Godly parents live in the assurance of God’s promises & teach their children to live in the assurance of God’s promises**

*He will make your paths straight*

1. God will direct the ways of the godly who put their trust in Him

Ps. 25:10 – all the paths of the Lord are lovingkindness & truth to those who keep His covenant & His testimonies

Ps. 107:7 – He led them also by a straight way

1. The godly enter the narrow path of faith in Jesus Christ
2. The godly experience the blessing of God’s direction in their paths

straight paths – not crooked paths

smooth paths – not rough paths

level paths – not hilly paths

righteous paths – not unrighteous paths – Ps 23:3 – he guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake

peaceful paths – not fearful paths – Pr. 3:17 – her (wisdom of God) ways are pleasant ways & all her paths peace

**Things to Remember**

1. Trusting God is a way of living not just a onetime decision
2. Trusting God is an act of the surrender of the will to the Lord Jesus Christ
3. The godly live with assurance that God is working in all the circumstances of their lives!
4. Only God knows the best paths for the godly

**Daily Use – Family challenges**

1. As parents – Trust in the Lord with all your heart – believe in the Lord Jesus Christ!
2. As parents – don’t rely on your own understanding, know God is working in your life situations
3. Talk with your children about trusting God not trusting in themselves
4. Talk with your children about how God has directed & provided for your family as you have trusted Him.
5. Lead your children to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ