**As for me and my house – Prov. 1:10**

**Focal Truth: Godly parents resist the enticements of sinners & teach their children to resist them**

What is your desire as a parent for your children’s future?

Do you want them to be good successful men & women? Do you want them to be good Christian men & women? Do you want them to be godly men & women?

Today we learn that parents who desire to see their children grow in godliness teach them to avoid the enticements of sin & sinners

***This is the first lesson on helping your children live in the world but not of the world***

**Reminder: there is a spiritual predator who seeks to capture the souls of your children – it is the devil.**

**The devil is the god of this world blinding the minds of unbelievers who live in bondage to sin & the world calls to each generation of children to live in ungodliness & allegiance to the devil**

**Observations**

**1. Godly parents appeal for their children not to reject their teaching – 1: 8 -9**

a. Hear & don’t forsake instruction(discipline) & direction (to point the way)

 from your parents

 b. Godly parent’s teaching is a grace &honor given to children

 Like a gracious wreath & a necklace

 c. Pr.4:9 – she will place on your head a garland of grace & she will present

 you with a crown of beauty

 d. Godly parent’s teachings are a gift & honor to their children

e. Children who live by godly parent’s teaching will be blessed & recognized

 for their behavior

f. 1 Sam. 2:25 – sons of Eli – “they would not listen to the voice of their father”

g.1 Kings 2:3 - Solomon was a wise son and listened to his father

**2. Godly parents live & teach their children not to consent to the enticement of**

 **sin & sinners – 1:10 – 14**

*My son, if sinners entice (persuade) you, do not consent (be willing)*

 *If they say, come with us*

***The godly parent takes the time to explain the powerful enticement of sin & the***

 ***world of sin***

a. Sinners will try to entice you to join them in sin – Sinners love to see others to sin with them – ***they say come join us!***

 b. Sinners will try to get you to sin like they sin – Sinners love to see others

 sin like they sin – ***they say come sin with us!***

 c. Sinners will try to convince you that there is benefit in sin – Sinner’s love

 to see others believe that there is benefit in sin – ***they say come enjoy sin***

 ***with us!***

d. Sinners live to do evil & do harm to the innocent – 1: 11 – 14

 e. Pr. 16:29 – a man of violence entices his neighbor & leads him in a way that

 is not good

 f. Gen. 39:9 -10 – how can I do this great evil & sin against God? As she spoke

 to Joseph, day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her or be with

 her.

**3. Godly parents live & teach their children not to consent (yield) to a lifestyle of**

 **sinfulness - 1:15 -18**

 ***The godly parent takes time to explain the lifestyle of the sin & the world of sin***

a. Sinners give advice to those who sin with them – Ps. 1:1 – counsel of the

 wicked

 b. Sinners live a sinful lifestyle with other sinners – Ps. 1:1 – stand in path of

 sinners

 c. Sinners live in their scoffing of God & the godly – Ps. 1:1 – sit in the seat of

 the scoffer

 d. Sinners live in partying &pretending in their own sinfulness - Eccl. 7:4 – the

 mind of fools is in the house of pleasure

 e. 1:15 – stay away from the lifestyle of sinners – keep your feet from their

 path

 f. 1:16 – Sinner’s rush to sin everyday – all day! – for their feet run to evil

 6:18 – feet that run rapidly to evil

 g. 1:17 – Sinners can’t stop sinning they never avoid it – it is useless to

 spread a net in the sight of any bird

**4. Godly parents teach their children that sinners are on a path of self –**

 **destruction – 1:18 -19**

 ***The godly parent takes the time to explain the destructive power of sin & the world***

 ***of sin***

 a. 1:18 – Sinners live in self – delusion about the danger of their sinfulness

 “they lie in wait for their own blood, they ambush their own lives”

 b. 1:19 – Sinners live in self – destruction – the ways of everyone who gains

 “by violence, it takes away the life of its possessors”

 11:19 – he who pursues evil will bring about his own death

**Things to Remember**

1**.** Godly parents do not yield to a lifestyle of sinfulness, they live in holiness

2. Godly parents who teach their children godly ways bless & honor them with

 a gift that lasts for a lifetime

3. Bad company corrupts good morals – 1 Cor. 15:33

4. The way of sin leads to destruction – Matt. 7:13 – the gate is wide, the way is

 broad that leads to destruction, & there are many who enter through it

5. Do not love the world nor the things in the world – 1 John 2:15

**Daily Use – Family Challenge**

1. Ask yourself as parents – am I living a sinful lifestyle before my children?

2. Ask yourself as parents – have I taught my children the danger of living in

 sinfulness?

3. Talk with your children about the sad consequences of living in sin

4. Warn your children about running with the sinful crowd rather than

 following Jesus Christ