

Sermon Notes, May 9, 2010 (Mother's Day)

Seven Things My Mother Taught Me

Proverbs 6:20,23

Today's Texts:

(Prov 6:20 NIV) *My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching.*

(Prov 6:23 NIV) *For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life.*

Introduction:

If we believe what the latest research tells us, nowadays it costs

\$ _____ to raise a child.

SEVEN THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME:

1. **Life is Difficult, But Difficulties Can Be _____.**
(James 1:12 NIV) *Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.*

2. **There is Power in _____.**
(2 Cor 1:3-4 NIV) *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, {4} who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.*

3. **To _____ My Way Through Life.**
(Col 3:16 NIV) *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.*

4. **Follow Through with _____.**
(Heb 12:11 NIV) *No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

5. **Stay _____.**
(1 Th 4:3-5 NIV) *It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; {4} that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, {5} not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;*

6. **Center My Life in Church and _____.**
(Heb 10:25 NIV) *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*
(Deu 6:6-7 NIV) *These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. {7} Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

7. **The Motivation for Righteous Living Comes from the _____.**
(John 14:23 NIV) *Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.*

Conclusion: _____

Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Guide
Week of May 9, 2010
Proverbs 6:20,23. Mother's Day

Icebreaker: Mom's are fun. Tell a funny story about your mother.

1. What do you suppose is meant by "mother's teaching" in Proverbs 6:20? Why is it important to a son or daughter?
2. Which of your mom's sayings can you recall? Why do you remember them? Which ones do you use?
3. Proverbs 6:23 uses the analogy of a lamp and light for parental instruction. What meaning does that have for you?
4. The word "discipline" shows up in verse 23 and in Heb. 12:1. What meaning do you draw from these passages?
5. What were you disciplined for most often?
6. How has your parent's (especially mother) instruction guided you?
7. Of the seven things that Pastor Mark learned from his mother, which one do you identify with the closest? Why?
8. Proverbs 6:20ff is in the context of moral purity (sermon point 5). What message do you discover here that has significance for today?
9. Do you believe that mothers actually do have influence in the moral choices of her children? Explain.
10. Discuss Pastor Mark's motherly advice: "Kids don't need their parents to be another pal. They need them to be a parent."
11. What advice do you have for mothers in 2010?
12. Bonus: Life is full of changes. If you were asked to define stages of parenting, (mother or father) what might those stages be?

Prayer:

Pray for mothers in our St. Paul's family and in your small group.

Pray for one another.