



¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13

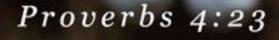


I. God Works In Us As We Pursue Wisdom

II. God Works In Us As We Pursue Sanctification

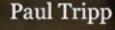


²³Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.



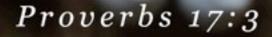


"It is a waste of time for us as parents to think about strategies for parenting our teens without first examining ourselves. If our hearts are controlled by something other than God we will not view the golden parenting opportunities of the teen years as opportunities at all."





³The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and the Lord tests hearts.





"When people ask you what you do, say "I am the parent of a teenager. It is the most important job I have ever had. Everything else I do for a living is secondary." Then say "You know I have never had a job that is so exciting. I have never had a job that is so full of opportunities. Everyday I do things that are important, worthwhile and lasting. I wouldn't give up this job for anything."



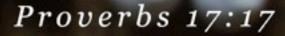
"Their understandings are like narrow-necked vessels: we must pour in the wine of knowledge gradually or much of it will be spilled and lost. "Line upon line and precept upon precept here a little and there a litte" must be our rule....Truly there is need of patience in training a child but without it nothing can be done."



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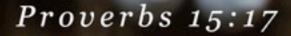


¹⁷A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.





¹⁷Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

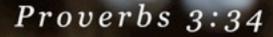




"Train up a child with all tenderness, affection and patience... Love should be the silver thread that runs through all your conduct. Kindness, gentleness, longsuffering, forbearance, patience, sympathy, a willingness to enter into childish troubles, a readiness to take part in childish joys - these are the cords by which a child must be led most easily - these are the clues you must follow if you would find the way to his heart."



³⁴Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.



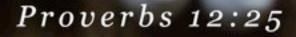


⁵The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.

Proverbs 20:5



²⁵Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.



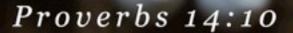


¹²Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.





¹⁰The heart knows its own bitterness, and no stranger shares its joy.





²⁸The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

Proverbs 15:28



²¹The wise of heart is called discerning, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.

Proverbs 16:21



⁹Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.

Proverbs 27:9



²⁹The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

