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GOD-HONORING PARENTING

Section: God-honoring Parenting

Unit: Adopting a Balanced Philosophy –
Part 1: Principles of Instruction, unit 2 of 4

ASSIGNMENTS

- **TRUTH** – Please recommend that parents in your JG read one of these books as an optional reading assignment:
 - *Shepherding Your Child's Heart*, by Tedd Tripp.
 - *Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens*, by Paul David Tripp.
 - *Grace Based Parenting*, by Dr. Tim Kimmel.
 - *How Children Raise Parents: The Art of Listening to Your Family*, by Dr. Dan Allender.
 - *Don't Make Me Count to Three*, by Ginger Plowman.
- **MISSION** – This week your JG's mission assignment was to think about one person on their prayer lists and evaluate where this person is spiritually. The goal of this assignment is to get your JG thinking and planning specifically to share the gospel with that person. This exercise will encourage each JG member to be taking positive steps to initiate an opportunity to offer *The Answer* and the *Life Issues* booklets to that person. Ask a few of your JG members to share their evaluations during your group meeting.
- Complete *Semester II Spiritual Assessment* and hand in to your group leader.

EXERCISES

- Review the memory verse of the week and talk about how it relates to the Truth section.

DISCUSSIONS

- **TRUTH** – Make sure your JG makes the connection between a balanced philosophy of discipline which is modeled after God’s motive (love) and goal (righteousness), and the principles of instruction that are based on this philosophy. Your discussion can center on any or all of the principles presented in the material, but it is recommended that you give special attention to how principle #2 and #5 can be applied in the lives of parents. You can also use the **IN BIBLE** passages and questions to help you discuss these principles:
 - **PRINCIPLE #1 – PROVERBS 1:8, 6:20; EPHESIANS 6:4**
 - **PRINCIPLE #2 – DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7**
 - **PRINCIPLE #3 – MATTHEW 23:1-6**
 - **PRINCIPLE #4 – PROVERBS 2:1-12**
 - **PRINCIPLE #5 – TITUS 2:10**

- **EQUIPPING** – Discuss the 2nd question to encourage creative ideas about how your JG parents can be more active in the spiritual instruction of their children.

- **ACCOUNTABILITY** – Allow time for smaller groups of two or three to ask accountability questions and pray for one another.

- **MISSION** – Invite a few people to share their spiritual evaluation of someone they have been praying for.