



Be Wise About Discipline... 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

*"⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding ⁷ He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, ⁸ for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones."
Proverbs 2:6-8 (NIV)*

1. Where Do I Start?... Clear Your Conscience!

Scripture... 1 Corinthians 4:4; Matthew 7:3-5; James 4:7; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Cor. 10:13; Romans 12:21; Titus 2:7

2. This Won't Be Easy... Partner Up!

Scripture... Matthew 18:19-20; Proverbs 27:17; 1 Cor. 1:10; Genesis 2:18; 1 Peter 3:8

3. What Makes it My Responsibility?... Understand Your Calling or Face the Difficulties!

Scripture... James 2:5; Proverbs 22:6; Proverbs 22:15; 1 Peter 5:8; John 10:10; Psalms 37:29; 1 Timothy 5:8

4. What's the Approach?... Follow Paul's Example!

Scripture... 1 Peter 5:3; 1 Peter 4:8; Philippians 4:6-7; Proverbs 3:5-6

5. How Will I Know if I'm Doing it Right?... Experience the Blessings!

Scripture... Hebrews 12:11; Proverbs 29:7; Proverbs 10:1

Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*
2. What has stood in your way or is currently standing in the way from you being an effective spiritual leader in your household. Share with your group the obstacles you overcame or are still working on to become more effective.
3. As a group, choose one of the five topics on the front of this discussion guide. Read all scriptures provided under that topic to allow for deeper discussion and to better understand what the Word tells us regarding that particular topic.
4. As Men of God, we strive to lead well. However, many times the enemy convinces us that we fall short. Please share any struggles and/or victories you experienced throughout parenthood, in an effort to stir discussion and sharpen the Brothers in your group for what they are currently facing or may encounter in the future.
5. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)