

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

(Proverbs 22:6, NKJV)

God's Young Stewards

As a parent, you want your children to be successful in life, and one major area they really need to get right is handling money. Children need to learn that God owns everything and that we are His faithful stewards. And, they must learn to serve God, not money, and be content with what the Lord provides.

Following are three ideas for helping your children become God's young stewards.

First, teach your children to be generous, especially toward the poor. Let them know that Jesus is our ultimate model in whole life generosity and He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). This is the greatest possible hedge against materialism, and it will bring your children priceless joy and prepare them for supporting God's sacred work in their generation.

Second, your children need to learn the benefits of work. Proverbs 14:23 says, "All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty." Work is a blessing, not a curse. Model hard work and diligence for your children, and they will learn that all our work as God's stewards bring glory to the Master.

Third, help your children discover the skills and talents God has given them and encourage them to excel at what they do. Excellence combined with humility will equip your children to become salt and light for Jesus. (Read Matthew 5:13-16.)

