

The Older the Fiddle, the Sweeter the Music

When I was young I thought I knew everything. Any time the adults in my life tried to offer advice about what was best, I was convinced that my way was better. Looking back now, I realize there was very little I really understood. Listening to what they had to say could have saved me from more than a few difficult situations. Solomon said in Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV):

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

Children are greatly impacted by the guidance (or lack of it) they receive from parents, teachers, and other trusted adults in their lives. It is vital that we who are older accept the responsibility God gave us to point them in the right direction. Remember what Paul said in Titus 2:1-8 (NKJV):

But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. Likewise exhort the young men to be sober-minded, in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

When we take the time to teach our children the precepts and principles of God's word, we are obeying His command to sincerely love one another. The youth are the future of our country. How much

brighter will that future be if we admonish our children in God's word? As Paul also said in Ephesians 6:1-4 (NKJV):

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Sound advice from a Loving God...

Adrian

Prayer requests:

Kimberly Shields was admitted to the hospital this week with chest pains. They continue to run tests to determine the cause. She also still needs a kidney/liver transplant.

Adam and Norma Garcia continue to need our prayers and support. Adam has cancer and will start treatments soon.

Shirley Fowler has cancer of the liver. The doctors give her two weeks. Prayers needed for her, her family and the doctors. (Friend of the Sillers)

Blanca Hinojos has brain cancer. Pray for her doctors as well as for her and her family. (Friend of the Sillers)

We had a baptism Wednesday night at bible study. His name is Mr. Ortiz. Unfortunately, I was unable to get his full name and information.