

# *Vibrant:*

## **GROWING FAMILIES WHERE FAITH FLOURISHES**

### **The Guarded Family**

**Proverbs 14:26 (ESV)**

<sup>26</sup> In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence,  
and his children will have a refuge.

Our **challenge** ...

Our **response** ...

**Some realities I must understand** ...

We parent \_\_\_\_\_. (*Isa. 43:7, 21*)

When it comes to worship, the question is not “\_\_\_\_\_?”, but  
“\_\_\_\_\_?” or “\_\_\_\_\_?”.

We worship what we \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. (*Rom. 1:18-24*)

Worship flows from the \_\_\_\_\_. (*Prov. 4:23*)

But the heart is not \_\_\_\_\_. (*Psalms 58:7, 51:5*)

The \_\_\_\_\_ (if allowed to) will shape the hearts (affections) of our  
children as it lures them to worship its “\_\_\_\_\_”. (*Rom. 12:2, 2 Tim 3:1-2*)

If we want to \_\_\_\_\_ our children from the attraction of the idols of  
this world, (i.e. “guard the perimeter”), then we have to offer and  
demonstrate a \_\_\_\_\_. (*1 John 2:15*)

Our aim is not just to divert from the “edges” but draw them to the “center”!

So, \_\_\_\_\_ where and when and what you can, but focus most on  
developing a \_\_\_\_\_ in your children.

**Developing a Godward Heart** in your children – 2 aims:

#1 – Teach your children what it means to \_\_\_\_\_.

This principle appears 15x in Proverbs ...

The beginning of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:7, 9:10)

The source of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:29)

Is rooted in God's \_\_\_\_\_ (2:5)

Leads to hatred of \_\_\_\_\_ (8:13)

Gives real \_\_\_\_\_ (10:27, 19:23)

Means \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (14:26) and  
\_\_\_\_\_ from things that bring \_\_\_\_\_ (14:27)

It's better than the world's \_\_\_\_\_ (15:16)

It causes us to heed \_\_\_\_\_ (15:30)

It's how we turn from \_\_\_\_\_ (16:6)

It rewards us in this \_\_\_\_\_ (22:4)

It keeps us from desiring \_\_\_\_\_ and envying \_\_\_\_\_ (23:17)  
\_\_\_\_\_ us from the snares of this world (29:25)

#2 – Show your children how to \_\_\_\_\_.

Deuteronomy 6 reminds us to ...

\_\_\_\_\_ passionately. (6)

\_\_\_\_\_ practically. (7)

\_\_\_\_\_ personally. (20-25)

**Conclusion:**

Guard the perimeter as you draw the hearts of your children Godward!