

# Shaping Young Hearts for God at Laurel Canyon

- A. The development of young hearts matters to God (*Deut 29:29*).
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ grew both in stature and in favor with the LORD and man (*1 Sam 2:26*).
  - 2. At 16, while he was yet a boy, \_\_\_\_\_ began to seek the God of David (*2 Chron 34:1-3*).
  - 3. “Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching” (*Prov 1:8-9*).
  - 4. “Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth...” (*Eccl 12:1*).
  - 5. \_\_\_\_\_ increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man (*Luke 2:52*).
  - 6. From childhood, \_\_\_\_\_ was acquainted with the sacred writings (*2 Tim 3:14-17*).
- B. Young people can grow to be fantastic examples (*1 Tim 4:12*).
- C. However, children don’t come into this world as believers. They must be taught, molded, led, and equipped to form faith of their own. Parents, teachers, and mentors must walk with them and guide them (*Prov 1:2-4, 8-9*).

## I. What Does God Want to Shape and Inscribe on the Tablet of a Young Heart? (*Prov 3:1-4*)

- 1. A grasp of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible (*Acts 8:30-31; 18:26*)
- 2. Respect for \_\_\_\_\_ (*Eph 6:1; Lev 19:32; Rom 13:1; 1 Pet 5:6*)
- 3. A sincere commitment to personal \_\_\_\_\_ (*2 Tim 2:22; 1 Cor 6:19-20*)
- 4. Solid \_\_\_\_\_ for faith and hope (*Rom 1:16; 2 Tim 1:12; 1 Pet 3:15*)
- 5. The ability to make wise \_\_\_\_\_ (*Prov 3:13-18; Col 4:5*)
- 6. A “\_\_\_\_\_ -first, \_\_\_\_\_ -next” way of thinking (*Matt 6:33; 22:36-40; Phil 2:3-4*)
- 7. An authentic, developing connection with \_\_\_\_\_ (*John 15:4-5; Matt 4:4; 1 Thes 5:17*)

## II. How Those 7 Key Ideas are Shaping Our Approach to Bible Classes at Laurel Canyon

- A. Our littlest hearts (6 months-4th grade) - Shaping Hearts for God
- B. Our developing hearts (5th-7th grades) - Get Them Talking
- C. Our maturing hearts (8th-12 grades) - Making It Personal

## III. What We Need From You

- A. Your prayers (*Judges 2:7-10*)
- B. Your willingness to contribute for the good of the body (*1 Cor 12:12*)
- C. Our teachers to remember:
  - 1. Each teaching opportunity is important; an opportunity we won’t get again (*Eph 5:16*).
  - 2. You are trying to shape and save souls, not finish a workbook (*Matt 19:14*).
  - 3. Teaching is an awesome responsibility (*James 3:1*), but it is one God enables us to meet and maximize for our good and his glory (*Matt 28:19-20; Eph 4:11-16*).