

CROWN LESSON 6.2

1. Read Matthew 15:4-6 and 1 Timothy 5:8. Does the Bible require us to take care of our family members?

Student Answer

Yes, a believer in Christ is required to take care of family members as he/she has the ability. Don Yes, that's pretty plainly stated, especially in 1st Tim Ch:5 V 8. Ann

2. How does this apply in your situation?

Student Answer

In my present situation, it has been very difficult to provide for my family/household. I need more income. I am trusting in God's grace and mercy. Don

I typically think of family first as being those who are or were inside of my household. Then there is also family outside of the household. (I don't see that the passages above distinguish between the two.) I believe in helping family members. I don't believe in enabling family members. Ann

3. Read Proverbs 1:8-9. Who should be among your counselors?

Student Answer

My father and mother should be among my counselors because they may give me good advice. Don

This passage makes it clear that one should listen to and take heed to his/her own mother's and father's advice. They should be among one's counselors. Ann

4. For married couples, who should be the husband's number one human counselor? The wife's? Why?

If you are not married, do you have a number one human counselor? Why do you value this person's counsel?

Additionally, what can you learn from Proverbs 11:14 and Proverbs 9:9?

Student Answer

The husband's number one human counselor should be his wife. The wife's number one human counselor

should her husband. Because they have become one and the decisions made affect each. The couple will be on the page - in agreement or at least know what is going on. Sometimes, "Two heads are better than one." Don

Proverbs indicate that good instruction and guidance are needed to make wise decisions. We need help and input, wise counsel from others, in order to succeed.

Our spouse's, who made a committed to having our best interest at heart should be our wise counselors. Ann

5. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Deuteronomy 11:18-19, Proverbs 22:6, and Ephesians 6:4. According to these passages, who is responsible for teaching children how to handle money from a biblical perspective?

Student Answer

According to these passages, the father is responsible for teaching his children. Don

Parents have the responsibility to pass on what they know about handling finances, just as they would pass on other advice that would be helpful to their children. Ann

6. Stop and reflect for a few minutes. Describe how well you were prepared to manage money when you first left home as a young person.

Student Answer

I was poorly prepared to manage money when I left home. Don

I knew enough to know that I needed a job and that I had to live according to what my paycheck allowed. Ann

7. Describe how you can teach your children, or someone else you have the opportunity to mentor, to give generously.

Student Answer

I would first say that God owns everything. And He wants us to help others in need as well as tithe to Him. Don

We are more prone to give when our needs are being met. I say this with a scripture in mind (can't think of the reference), paraphrased - Work so that you may have something to give to someone else.

Of course, if it were a really quick conversation, I would probably say (like I have actually said before) , that you feel good about being able to help somebody. Ann

8. Describe how you can teach your children, or someone else you have the opportunity to mentor, to spend wisely.

Student Answer

Start with a budget. Stick to it, so that you are spending less than you earn. The budget should include tithe and savings. Don

Seeing as it's a teaching moment and if time permitted, I think I would begin with basic money management. I would say for them to start with setting aside tithes. God will honor that and meet your basic needs, sometimes in ways that you, yourself, would never have entertained. If I still have their ear, I will then follow with them being willing to live modestly, not beyond their means so they can stay out of debt. Then with that peace of mind from being debt freed, I would suggest that they work towards savings and having extra. Ann

9. Describe how you are going to teach your children, or someone else you have the opportunity to mentor, to keep out of debt.

Student Answer

To keep out of debt, one has to save for the object and pay for it. Don

Suggested Essay/Response

It would be pretty much as I have already stated, just more in depth if time allowed, giving specific examples, including budgeting or mapping out how to most wisely stretch your money, and how not to get pulled into always wanting what you can't afford. Ann

10. Describe how you can teach your children, or someone else you plan to mentor, to save and invest.

I am still not that knowledgeable about investments, I know some basics, but would encourage others to seek some trustworthy financial advisors who could help with such. Ann

11. Read 2 Corinthians 12:14. Does reading this Bible verse impact your stewardship decisions in any way? If so, how?

Student Answer

According to this verse, the parent is to lay up (be responsible) for the children, not children for the parent. Don

Probably not so much now that the children are adults (thinking in terms of family), but I believe this speaks to more than parent/ child obligations. It also speaks to any responsibility one would have for those under their stewardship. Ann

12.

Read Galatians 4:1-2. What implications does this scripture have for parents who are desiring to leave a material inheritance to their children?

Student Answer

This scripture states that a young child who has an inheritance from his/her parents needs to have a guardian until he/she is of the age set by the parent. Until that time he/she is in the same status as a slave. Don

Parents should be mindful that as youths, children are not equipped to manage material wealth, so parents should be careful about giving them access to wealth prematurely. Ann

13.

If you are in a position to leave behind a material inheritance, what factors will you consider in deciding to whom it will go? Have you already provided for your distribution of wealth through a will and/or a trust?

Student Answer

If I were in a position to leave a material inheritance, I would mostly likely distribute it equally among the children. I am sad to say that I do not have any wealth, a will or a trust. Don

First, material inheritance would be left to my spouse, children and grandchildren. I sometimes think of my siblings as well as the different ministries I like to support (if that inheritance were substantial). Ann

Suggested Essay/Response

14.

Describe the legacy you want to "leave behind". Evaluate if there are any areas in your life that you need to adjust in order to achieve this goal.

Student Answer

The legacy that I want to leave behind is that I loved the Lord. The adjustment that I feel I need to make is to be more verbal about talking to people about Jesus. Don

I don't think often in terms of a legacy, as such. I hope that how I have lived my life, even though done imperfectly, speaks to what was important to me. For example, years ago to my surprise, my oldest son (dec'd) said he knew how much I loved Jesus. Ann