

Young Adulthood, Middle Years, Early Years

Ecc 10.16 Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning! 17 Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles, and your princes feast at the proper time— for strength and not for drunkenness!

* **When** engaged in an important, arduous, and complex project such as building a house or raising children, it is helpful to start out by looking at what the _____ product is supposed to be, and _____ it is supposed to be finished.

* **What** is the child-king Solomon is calling to mind? Give a biblical and a historical example, as well as counter-examples.

* **What** does the child-king look like as a young adult prince? What does his opposite look like?

* **According** to Solomon, what is the goal of biblical parenting?

* **Backing** up from the final goal, the stage right before is the _____ stage. What stage would this be in home building?

* **What** book of the Bible is devoted to this stage?

* **By when** should this stage have begun?

* **What** three things does this stage presuppose?

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3)

Psalm 14.1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." ...

Prov 1.7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Prov 1.1 The proverbs of Solomon ... 2 To know wisdom and instruction ... 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion ...

Prov 29.9 If a wise man contends with a foolish man, Whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace.

Heb 12.11 All discipline [training] for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yield the peaceful fruit of righteousness."

* **What** are the early years for? What stage are they in home-building?

* **In** conclusion, it is very important to ...

* **How** is raising children a bit like pouring concrete?

* **So** _____ God for every stage; _____
in every stage; but be _____ in every stage.
_____ your heavenly Father, for he is the
perfect parent, and his has laid out his perfect example for
you in Scripture.