

Step Two - Once you've told your child why they're special, pick a challenge your child is facing in the upcoming year, such as a big move or a new job. Acknowledge their fear, but provide encouragement and hope. The purpose of this paragraph is to help your child "see beyond" the obstacle in their path and remind them of their "special future".

Step Three - You've shared something that you love about your child, and encouraged them about the tough things ahead. For paragraph three, write out a statement of genuine commitment, sharing how you and the Lord are committed to this child – no matter what. This fifth element of the Blessing provides assurance that you'll always love your child through both the good times and bad and reaffirms your commitment to their success.

The Blessing

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Proverbs 3:1-12

Fours Ways of Securing a Bright Future for Our Loved Ones

Key Thought: _____ the future of our loved ones begins _____

I. We secure a bright future for our loved ones by _____

A. Trusting _____

B. Trusting _____

C. Trusting _____

II. We secure a bright future for our loved ones through _____

A. A lifestyle _____

B. A lifestyle _____

III. We secure a bright future for our loved ones when _____

A. How we _____ our money _____

B. We cannot _____

IV. We secure a bright future for our loved ones by _____

A. God's discipline is directed _____

B. Wise Christians _____

TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

1. Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and answer the following question. “In what ways do you trust God; *ENTIRELY, EXCLUSIVELY and EXTENSIVELY*?”

2. What does it mean “lean not on your own understanding”? (v. 5)
When was an occasion “your own understanding” was the wrong answer?

3. Proverbs 3:8-10 tell us that honoring God through the way we spend our finances is an act of worship. Do the things you spend money on indicate it is an act of worship?
What is God saying you need to do differently?

Three steps for you to consider as you write a short word of encouragement/blessing to your child, spouse or other person in your life. You can write a note with all three elements, or choose one to focus on.

Step One - Think of one or two things you value and appreciate about your child and jot it down. By choosing just one or two, you're able to really focus your blessing and make your child feel unique. Having trouble narrowing it down? List all your child's strongest traits and compare. Oftentimes, their strongest traits jump out and you can easily recall numerous examples of times when your child exhibited this trait. Articulate why you love this about your child and maybe throw in a favorite memory to back it up. Be sure to also include how they specifically bless your life so your child can understand how their life positively impacts yours