

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 3:1-4

## SHAPING HEARTS (YOUNG & OLD) FOR GOD

The development of hearts (young and old) matters to God ([Deut 29:29](#))

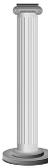
Children don't come into this world as believers. They must be taught, molded, equipped, and led to form faith of their own ([Prov 1:2-4, 8-9](#))

- ▶ The boy \_\_\_\_\_ grew in stature and in favor with the LORD and man ([1 Sam 2:26](#))
- ▶ At 16, \_\_\_\_\_ began to seek the God of David his forefather ([2 Chron 34:1-3](#))
- ▶ "Remember also \_\_\_\_\_ Creator in the days of your youth..." ([Eccl 12:1](#))
- ▶ From childhood, \_\_\_\_\_ became acquainted with the sacred writings ([2 Tim 3:14-17; 1 Tim 4:12](#))

In [Psalm 144:12](#) David poetically prayed, **"May our sons in their youth be like \_\_\_\_\_ full grown, our daughters like corner \_\_\_\_\_ cut for the structure of a palace."** Both are rich metaphors used throughout the Bible for health and strength:

- ▶ [Psalm 1](#) - "he is like a \_\_\_\_\_ planted by streams of water"
- ▶ [1 Peter 2:4-5](#) - "you yourselves like living \_\_\_\_\_ are being built up as a spiritual house"

One of our fundamental goals as a congregation is to inscribe ([Prov 3:1-4](#)) certain fundamental truths on the tablets of hearts—young and old.

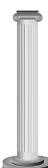


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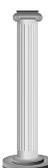
Acts 8:30-31



**Respect for**

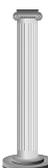
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1 Peter 5:6



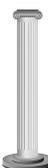
**A sincere  
commitment to  
personal \_\_\_\_\_**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20



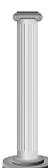
**Solid reasons for  
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1 Peter 3:15



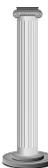
**The ability to make  
wise \_\_\_\_\_**

Proverbs 3:13-14



**A "\_\_\_\_\_-first,  
\_\_\_\_\_-next"  
way of thinking**

Matthew 22:37-39



**A developing  
connection with**

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John 15:4-5