**Handbook Chapter 3 Scripture Passages**

**DIGGING INTO THE WORD**

Genesis 18:19 For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 If someone has a stubborn and rebellious son who does not obey his father and mother and will not listen to them when they discipline him, **19**his father and mother shall take hold of him and bring him to the elders at the gate of his town. **20**They shall say to the elders, “This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us. He is a glutton and a drunkard.” **21**Then all the men of his town are to stone him to death. You must purge the evil from among you. All Israel will hear of it and be afraid.

Proverbs 1:8-9 Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. **9**They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

Proverbs 4:1-2 Listen, my sons, to a father’s instruction; pay attention and gain understanding.**2**I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching.

Proverbs 6:20-23 My son, keep your father’s command and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. **21**Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. **22**When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. **23**For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and correction and instruction are the way to life

Proverbs 23:22 Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Luke 2:51-52 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. **52**And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2**“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— **3**“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”**4**Fathers,do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Colossians 3:20-21 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. **21**Fathers,do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, **12**encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

**APPLICATION**

Hebrews 12:5-11 And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, **6**because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” **7**Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? **8**If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. **9**Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! **10**They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. **11**No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

**STRATEGIC QUESTIONS**

Matthew 11:29-30 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30**For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

**CONCLUDING THOUGHTS**

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

2 Chronicles 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

John 15:3-5 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4**Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **5**“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.