



# Best Year Ever According to Proverbs

VTSM Parent Discussion Sheet

## Week Overviews:

- **Week 1:** Desire a GOOD NAME.
- **Week 2:** Desire to make GOOD DECISIONS.
- **Week 3:** Desire to be HUMBLE.

## Week 1 (January 10, 2015)

### Overview

- What we studied
  - This week, we studied Proverbs 22:1 and why having a good name is better than riches
- What we learned
  - A good name provides stability whereas money can disappear.
  - A good name is eternal whereas money doesn't last.
  - A good name brings true loving favor whereas money doesn't find love.
- How it was applied
  - When you have a good name/reputation, you will be trusted, respected, and loved.
  - If you don't have a good name, no one will trust you, no one will respect you, and no one will love you.

This week, help your teen see that having a good reputation is everything. If your teen has a good reputation with you or with others, maybe it's time to give them some responsibility so that they can work on strengthening their name and reputation in your family. If they fail (which they might), use it as a teaching time, not a scolding time.

## **Week 2** (January 17, 2015)

### **Overview**

- What we studied
  - This week, we looked at three different passages and asked a question from each to help us make good decisions.
- What we learned
  - Prov. 27:6— Do your friends build you up or tear you down?
  - Prov. 5:21–22— Do you look at the consequences before you act?
  - Prov. 3:5–6— Do you trust that God's way is best?
- How was it applied
  - Surrounding ourselves with great friends who build us up will help us make good decisions.
  - When you understand the consequences, whether good or bad, it will greatly help you make decisions.
  - Sometimes, we don't trust God's way in life. If you trust God's way, you can know that you will make the right decision. If you don't trust God's way, it can cause you to stray off the path.

**Do you allow your teen to make decisions—whether for himself or herself or for the family? This week, allow your student to make a decision and have them follow through...even though you may know how it will result. If they do well, ask them how they knew it would work. If they failed, ask them what they would do different next time. Let your teen fail so that they can learn, from you, how to make wise decisions.**

## **Week 3** (January 31, 2015)

### **Overview**

- What we studied
  - We looked at many different passage from Proverbs to see that humility is best.
- What we learned
  - There are many consequences of pride.
  - There are many blessings that come with humility
- How it was applied
  - How to have the best year ever is to live in humility where you are putting others ahead of yourself.

**This week we wanted to have the teens do some deep soul searching. Many of us suffer with pride and do not do well with humility. This week, have your teen do some tasks that they would need humility in order to complete them—cleaning the bathroom, doing sibling's chores, etc. Just make sure that you aren't humiliating them. If you do, they'll see you as prideful.**