

# Wisdom for Living in Difficult Times

## Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Children

### I. Introduction

- A. Prov. 4:3-4 (NLT) *<sup>3</sup>For I, too, was once my father's son, tenderly loved as my mother's only child. <sup>4</sup>My father taught me, "Take my words to heart. Follow my commands, and you will live."*
- B. Prov. 15:16 (NAS) *Better is a little with the fear of the LORD Than great treasure and turmoil with it.*
- C. Prov. 20:24 (NAS) *Man's steps are ordained by the LORD, How then can man understand his way?*
- D. Prov. 13:24 (NLT) *Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.*
- E. Prov. 19:18 (NLT) *Discipline your children while there is hope. Otherwise you will ruin their lives.*
- F. Prov. 23:13-14 (NLT) *<sup>13</sup>Don't fail to discipline your children. They won't die if you spank them. <sup>14</sup>Physical discipline may well save them from death.*
- G. Prov. 29:11 (NLT) *Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly hold it back.*
- H. Psalm 23:4 (NAS) *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*
- I. Matt. 19:14 (NLT) *"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."*
- J. Matt. 11:28a (NAS) *"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."*

### II. Conclusion

#### Upcoming messages:

- 3/27-28/2010 "Surrender Leads to Freedom" (Palm Sunday Weekend)**
- 4/3-4/2010 "The Third Day" (Easter Weekend)**
- 4/10-11/2010 "Wisdom to Manage our Anger Appropriately"**
- 4/17-18/2010 "The Right Kind of Fear"**
- 4/24-25/2010 "Wisdom About Money"**
- 5/1-2/2010 "Why is the Vineyard Unique?" (Grand Opening Weekend)**