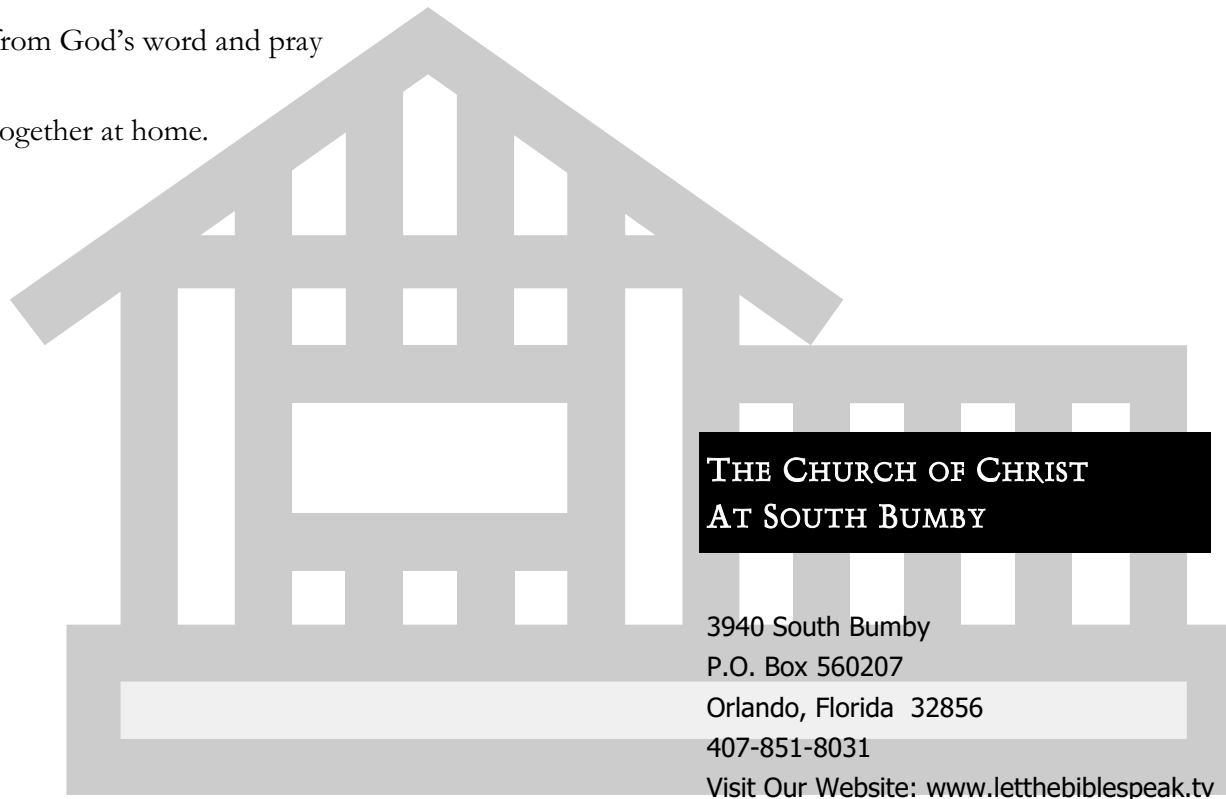


About Growing Together @ Home

Growing Together @ Home is a
brief guide provided by the South
Bumby Church to give our families a
framework they can use as they study
from God's word and pray
together at home.



Other Things To Do This Week:

- [1] Memorize: (Prov 10:17 NKJV) He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray.
- [2] Help your children prepare their lessons for Bible class. Let your children help you prepare for Bible Class.

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*A Weekly Guide
For Family
Devotions*

Those who
love Your law
have great
peace, And
nothing
causes them
to stumble.

Ps. 119:165

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STUBBORNNNESS

DAY ONE

STEP #1: THE TEXT

Have each family member read Deuteronomy 21:18-20

- [1] What is the expected result of a child who refuses instructions?

STEP #2: THE THOUGHT

Have each family member read I Samuel 15:20-24.

- [1] How are rebellion and stubbornness related?
- [2] How can stubbornness be like iniquity and idolatry?

Compare Saul's statements in vs. 20 and 24

- [1] Discuss Saul's "rationale" for saying that he had obeyed God in vs. 20
- [2] Discuss Saul's "rationale" for saying that he had obeyed the people in vs. 24
- [3] Discuss the primary reasons for "stubbornness"
- [4] Discuss ways in which we can be stubborn.
- [5] Does this attribute help us or hurt us? How?

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to see the harm caused by stubbornness, and ask his help to overcome this.

DAY TWO

STEP #1: THE TEXT

Have each family member read Have each family member read 2 Kings 17:9-18

- [1] What does it mean to be "stiff-necked"
- [2] In this historical setting, what was the end result of being "stiff-necked" — i.e. what did this attribute lead the people to do?

STEP #2: THE PRINCIPLE

Read the following:

Proverbs 10:17; 12:1; 15:5; 15:10

- [1] How do we react when someone tries to "instruct" us?
 - (a) You just think you are smarter than everyone else.
 - (b) Just who do you think you are to be telling me what to do?
 - (c) You're a fine one to be talking — I still remember when you ...
- [2] Is our primary goal that of learning, gaining wisdom, or in self-justification?

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us always to desire his ways, knowing that his ways bring us life — and to be willing to listen to his instruction.

DAY THREE

STEP #1: THE TEXT

Have each family member read Proverbs 29:19

- [1] Why does the servant in this passage refuse correction?
- [2] Will we be "corrected" by "mere words"?

STEP #2: THE THOUGHT

Read Proverbs 3:11-18

Separately:

- [1] Make a list of good things which come to those who are willing to receive correction.
- [2] Make a list of attitudes which may prevent us from receiving correction by "mere words" (i.e. the Bible)

Together:

- [1] Discuss your lists, and talk about how we can avoid the attitudes which prevent our acceptance of correction.
- [2] Discuss specific situations in which you have resisted correction, and how to avoid being trapped in this situation.
- [3] Talk about how we can prevent negative reactions to correction by planning in advance how we will react.

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help you as a family to humble yourselves before him and to submit to his direction in your lives.