

My Family-

Is it creating or meeting the needs of my children? What, exactly, does my child really need?

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Principles of parenting that can help your kids treasure their growing-up years and equip them to stand alone in a pagan culture-

I. Basic Needs of Children (“Hide or Seek” by James Dobson)

A. Physical Needs

B. Love (in a form he/she can take) (How to Really Love Your Child by Ross Campbell)

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C. Self-worth

D. Security

E. Spiritual Regeneration

“Satisfied People Never Start Revolts!” Dr. James Hatch

II. Parental Responsibilities

A. Align Priorities

1. Relationships

2. Values/Goals

WARNING: Godly parenting doesn't just happen when parents are Christians! I must be intentional in my goals and use of the time I have with my child!?

Consider the following:

1. What do I want my child to know before leaving home?
2. What skills do I want my child to have before leaving home?
3. What habits do I want my child to have before leaving home?
4. What memories do I want my child to have when leaving home?
5. Any other goals?

Then, develop a plan to accomplish those goals....beginning NOW!

3. PRAY- Begin at birth, NOW, to pray daily for your child's salvation, mate, and for a hedge of protection from the enemy's attacks. (1 Pet 5:8)

B. The Task of Training

Proverbs 22:6- Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it.

1. Definition of Training: -to draw along and form by _____
-to _____ from an old system and tame toward proper growth
-to _____ in a shape suitable toward a desired end

2. Mom and Dad are models...what are you modeling?

2 Corinthians 3:3- You are a letter from Christ written on human hearts.

Romans 12:2- Do not be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by renewing your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is...his good, pleasing and perfect will.

“The task for parents is to show by love and the way they live that they belong to another kingdom and Master. Let your child see that you put heart and soul into the work God has given you...that changes the whole climate of the home.” E. Elliot

3. In which kingdom do you live? Kingdom of this World VS. The Kingdom of God

Marriage (I Cor 7/Eph 5)

Children (Eph 6)

Conflict (Mt 5/Rom 12:17)

Work Ethic (Col 3:23)

Personal Appearance/Dress (I Tim 2:9)

Care of the body (I Cor 6: 19,20)

Etiquette (Gal 5:13)

Offenses (Rom 12:17-21)

Pain and suffering (2 Cor 12:19)

Finances/ Possessions (Heb 13:5)

Hospitality (I Pet 4:9)

Authority (Rom 13)

Dating (1 Cor 13)

Fear (2 Tim 1:7)

Future (2 Tim 1:12)

Study Habits (Col 3:23)

Language/Speech (Phil 4:8)

Entertainment (Phil 4:8)

Colossians 3:23- “Whether you eat or drink or WHATSOEVER you do, do it with all your heart as unto the Lord, not man.”

C. Use of Time- Be intentional in it's use to preserve the family unit and meet goals.

1. Daily –

2. Weekly –

3. Monthly –

III. Parental commitments that strengthen the family-

- A. I am always available when my child needs me.
- B. I will not discuss negative issues in the presence of my children.
- C. I will demonstrate a thankful spirit...regardless!
- D. I will always discuss with my husband/wife any additional tasks before commitment.
- E. I will ask their father about activities that take children out of the home...keeping him connected as head of the family.
- F. I will spend time with the Lord daily in His word and in prayer...seeking His will on life's issues.

REMEMBER THAT GOD-GIVEN DUTIES NEVER CONFLICT!!!

READING LIST

What Is A Family? by Edith Schaeffer

Hide or Seek by James Dobson

The Gift of the Blessing by Smalley & Trent

How to Really Love Your Child by Ross Campbell

How to Really Love your Teenager by Ross Campbell

Tender Warrior by Stu Weber

Four Pillars of a Man's Heart by Stu Weber

I Kissed Dating Goodbye by Joshua Harris

Love is a Decision by Gary Smalley

Choosing to Live the Blessing by Gary Smalley and John Trent

More books by James Dobson:

Parenting Isn't for Cowards
Strong-Willed Child
Dare to Discipline