

## RELATIONSHIPS THAT MATTER

### Healthy Children

Genesis 18:18 “For Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him.

19 I have singled him out so that he will direct his sons and their families to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just. Then I will do for Abraham all that I have promised.”

Psalms 78:4 We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.

5 For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children,

6 so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children.

7 So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.

8 Then they will not be like their ancestors— stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God.

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### Your Children

Psalms 127:3 Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.

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### Them To Act Like Children

Proverbs 22:15 A youngster’s heart is filled with foolishness, but physical discipline will drive it far away.

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### Growth In Four Areas

Luke 2:51 Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

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Malachi 2:15 Didn’t the Lord make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. And what does he want? Godly children from your union. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth.

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## Proper Guidelines And Enforce Them

Deuteronomy 8:5 Think about it: Just as a parent disciplines a child, the Lord your God disciplines you for your own good.

6 "So obey the commands of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and fearing him.

Proverbs 19:18 Discipline your children while there is hope. Otherwise you will ruin their lives.

Proverbs 23:13 Don't fail to discipline your children. The rod of punishment won't kill them.

14 Physical discipline may well save them from death.

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

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## Honestly

Proverbs 11:2 Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

3 Honesty guides good people; dishonesty destroys treacherous people.

Ask God For Wisdom

Know Your Weaknesses

Willingly Accept The Fact That Your Kids Are Not Basically Good

Whatever You Do Don't Make Excuses For Your Kids

Watch How Your Kids Relate To Others

Listen To What Others Are Saying About Your Kids

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## Their Independence

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## Are Important

1 Corinthians 11:1 And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.

1 Peter 5:2 Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.

3 Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.

4 And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor.

Proverbs 20:7 The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.