

Helping Children Grow Up Pt 2
Luke 2:39-40, Ephesians 6:1-10

Two general truths:

1. God's plan is still the best
2. Parents are responsible "to" their children not "for" their children.

1. Loving & honoring God is noticeable.
2. Walking in humility is essential
3. Say "yes" as much as possible
4. Respect is obvious

Proverbs 19:22 Page #658

5. Be who you say you are

Proverbs 10:7 Page #648

6. Pray with confidence

Psalms 105:4 Page #614

7. Raise children in the way they should go

Psalms 127:3-5 Page #631

Proverbs 30:18 Page #668

"I wish you would _____"

"I like it when _____"

8. Trust in God's plan & power

Acts 2:41-47 Page #1090

Questions for this week:

I. For Starters:

1. What do you think it takes for a person to develop into a "healthy" parent?
2. What characteristics bother you the most in children today?
3. What characteristics would you most like to see fostered in your and other's children?

II. Overview of Scripture

1. Read Luke 2:52. Why is it so important for children to develop in every area mentioned in this verse? Answer the question then read Isaiah 43:7. Did your answer match up with this verse?
2. Read Luke 2:46-47. What habits/characteristics did Jesus possess that showed He was a spiritually/emotionally mature child for His age?
3. What is your plan to help develop a child who would mature in a holistic way (spiritually, emotionally, physically, etc)?

III. Growing deeper

1. Review Sunday's message with someone.
2. What if you do not have children - what is your responsibility to the next generation?
3. Read the following Scriptures and write out whatever God shows you about parenting and family relationships.
 - Genesis 33:5
 - Genesis 48:9
 - Exodus 21:15
 - Deuteronomy 21:18-21
 - 2 Chronicles 20:13
 - Psalm 34:11
 - Proverbs 10:1
 - Proverbs 17:6
 - Proverbs 20:11
 - Romans 14:17
 - 2 Timothy 3:15-17

- 1 Timothy 4:11-12
- Ephesians 6:1-3

4. Pray for one another.