

“DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?”

Parental Guidance Required, Part 2
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Three Key Questions We Must Constantly Ask Regarding Our Children

1. What am I doing to enhance my child’s relationship with me?
2. What am I doing to advance my child’s relationship with God?
3. What am I doing to influence my child’s relationship with people outside the home?

Use the same logic as if your child was missing when you think of the _____
direction of your child – you won’t let anything stop you

Parental Attitudes Toward the Spiritual Development in Their Children

No one has more potential to influence a child in their relationship with God than _____
Psalm 78:4-7 (NLT) “We will not hide these truths from our children but will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord. We will tell of His power and the mighty miracles He did. For He issued His decree to Jacob; He gave His law to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them – even the children not yet born – that they in turn might teach their children. So each generation can set its hope anew on God...”

Malachi 2:15 (LB) “You were united to your wife by the Lord. In God’s wise plan, when you married, the two of you became one person in His sight. And what does He want? Godly children from your union.”

The Bible has very little to say about the _____ influencing a child spiritually, but it says a great deal about _____ influencing a child spiritually

Exodus 12:26, 27 (GN) “When your children ask you, ‘What does this ritual mean?’ you will answer...”

Proverbs 22:6 (GN) “Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.”

In their early years children begin to form their ideas about God based on their relationship with their _____

Truth: You _____ a spiritual influence in your child’s life – either in a positive or negative way

Please don’t make the mistake of trying to use God to make your children _____

As a parent you may need to _____ & _____ some things about faith because that’s what was handed down to you by your parents

At New Hope we want you _____ in the spiritual growth of your kids

You don’t have to be a _____ to assume the spiritual responsibility in the lives of your kids, to be the spiritual _____ you need to be

Leaving A Legacy: 5 Family Values from “The Shema” – Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Family Value #1 – Imagine the _____ - focus your priorities on what matters most
Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV) “The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”

It really doesn’t matter what our kids know if they don’t know what _____

Family Value #2 – Fight for the _____ - Communicate in a style that gives the relationship value

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV) “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

Don't drift into a parenting style where the primary goal is to get kids to follow the _____

Family Value #3 – Make it _____ - Put yourself first when it comes to personal growth
Deuteronomy 6:6 (NIV) "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts."

It's okay for your kids to see who you really are, that's how they see the _____
God is making in your life

Family Value #4 – Create a _____ – Increase the quantity of quality time together
Deuteronomy 6:7-9 (NIV) "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

"sit at home" – eating _____ together "walk along the road" - _____ time
"lie down" – don't send child to bed _____ them "you get up" – _____ words

Family Value #5 - _____ the circle – pursue strategic relationships for your kids
Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV) "Hear, O Israel..."

3 Key Questions To Guide Your Children Spiritually

1. What do I want them to _____?

Start with the _____ in mind; don't define this in terms of performance but in terms of a _____

Proverbs 3:5,6 (NIV) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

2. Where are they _____?

3. How can I help them take the _____ step?

Maybe before you turn the spiritual dial in the life of your children, there are some things in your life that you need to _____ with God

Don't fall into the trap of thinking, "It's too _____; it won't work for me." Start where you can start _____

My Next Step Today Is:

- I will take time this week to think through the 3 questions to spiritually guide my kids
- I will memorize Proverbs 3:5,6
- I will attend the following seminar(s):
 - ___ Spiritual Champions (parents of younger kids) – Sat, Oct 3rd - 9:30 am to 12 noon
 - ___ Boundaries for Teens (parents of teens) – Sun, Oct 11th – 12 noon to 2:30 pm
 - ___ Marriage Seminar on Communication – Sun, Oct 18th – 12 noon to 2:30 pm
- I want to be baptized Sunday, Oct 11th @ 4 PM (this will be the last baptism of the year)