

A DAD EVERY KIDS NEEDS

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INTRODUCTION:

A. The job of a parent is to equip a child with the ability to successfully manage their time, relationships and money.

- Teach them how to deal with the storms in life
- Teach them to bring their very best in the present
- Teach them how to apologize and forgive
- Teach them to share their time, talent, treasure and touch
- Teach them how to daily honor God

And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ...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. Ephesian 5:21 & 6:4

I. MAXIMIZE THE BRIEF WINDOW OF PARENTING

A. Start by affirming their value.

“Not even a sparrow can fall to the ground without your Heavenly Father knowing it... and you are much more valuable to Him than a whole flock of sparrows.”

Matthew 10: 29, 31

God made all the delicate parts of my body together in my mother's womb.

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous!

Psalm 139:13-14

B. This how the Heavenly Father does it:

- He pays attention to us.

“God pays great attention to you, down to the last detail – even numbering the hairs on your head!”

Matthew 10:30

- He expresses affection and love.

“I drew them with affection and love. I picked them up and held them to my cheek.”

Hosea 11:4

- He celebrates our uniqueness.

God works through different people in different ways...

I Corinthians 12:6

Each person should judge their own actions and not compare themselves with others. Then they can be proud for what they themselves have done.

Galatians 6:4

- A child only needs to be better than average in one thing

II. TRUST THEM WITH RESPONSIBILITY

A. Your trust of them lets them know that you believe in them.

“Whoever can be trusted with a little can also be trusted with a lot.”

Luke 16:10

We are each responsible for our own conduct.

Galatians 6:5

B. No, it is not easy, but it is necessary.

- It will make you pray more!
- Let out a little rope, don't just let go.

III. CORRECT THEM WITHOUT CONDEMNING

A. Build up their **character**.

Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn.

Proverbs 19:18

“Don’t use harmful words...use only helpful words, the kind that build up...”

Ephesians 4:29

- The world is great at tearing down our children.

B. Correction is about **shaping** their inner character.

Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline...with suggestions and godly advice.

Ephesians 6:4

- Two phases of parenting.....

CONCLUSION: