

#Parenting

The Most Important Thing We Can Do As Parents is Create a Home Where Christ Is Known!!!

A Home that will Talk About God:

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Ephesians 5:15-17

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

A Home of Spiritual Disciplines:

Proverbs 29:17 *Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.*

I Timothy 4:7-8

Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness;⁸ for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

A Home that will Set the Example of Godly Living:

I Peter 5:2-3

shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

Your Example Matters:

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Ephesians 5:1-5

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Application: Follow up questions.

- How often do/did you have intentional discussions about your faith with your child?
- Commit to setting up at least one day a week to have intentional conversations with your child about their/your faith.
- Of the spiritual disciplines talked about in the sermon, which are you currently doing? Which ones do you need to begin?
- What Spiritual disciplines are you teaching your children?
- Commit to reading the Bible as a family at least once a week, daily preferably.
- How can you be a better example to your child/children?
- Do you agree with this statement; More is caught than taught.
- What good habits are your children picking up from you? What bad habits have they picked up from you?
- Commit to setting a Godly example for your children and apologize for the things you have done that did not set a Godly example.

Action:

- Commit to making your home a place Christ will be known.