

PURPOSE CHURCH

SUNDAYS 8:30am | 10:00am | 11:30am



# A BETTER WAY.

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# HOW TO KEEP OUR KIDS ON OUR TEAM

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TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN ON OUR TEAM, WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_  
ABOUT THEM CORRECTLY.

VIEWING OUR CHILDREN AS \_\_\_\_\_ FROM GOD:

- **The Biblical Principle**

Psalm 127:3-5

- **Two Dangers:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe to each child the positive events surrounding his or her birth.
2. Remind your children that they were answers to prayer.
3. Relate the lessons God has taught you and your spouse as a result of the birth of your children.
4. If it was a problem pregnancy, make your child aware of the alternatives that were available but dismissed because of your desire for him or her.
5. If your child is adopted, tell your child about the prayers and the joy that accompanied his or her arrival into your home.

VIEWING OUR CHILDREN AS A \_\_\_\_\_ FROM GOD:

- **The Biblical Principle**

Hebrews 12:1-2

2 Timothy 2:2

Deuteronomy 4:9-10

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

- **Two Illustrations: Roman Culture and 1 Samuel 1**

1. Accept the fact that your children are a trust from God and that there is a sense in which you are raising them for Him and His purpose.
2. Commit to following His guidelines for raising children.
3. Explain the concept of stewardship to your children and how it relates to your relationship with them.
4. Explain to your children your responsibility to God as a parent.
5. Explain to your children how God's Word functions as the guideline by which you are to raise them.

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THEM CORRECTLY**

**LEARNING THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ :**

Encouraging Words, Service, Gifts, Quality Time, Physical Touch

**DEMONSTRATING AN INTEREST IN THEIR \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**

*"Beware of the danger of determining the value of our children's experiences and decisions while growing up by comparing them with the experiences and decisions of their own lives as adults."*

*Charles Stanley*

1. Initiate a conversation with your children on topics you know are of interest to them. Think of ones that usually tend to make you want to change the subject.
2. Get in the habit of maintaining eye contact during conversations with your children. Your spouse and friends would probably appreciate this too!
3. Get in the habit of commenting on what your children have to say.

**\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ OUR  
CHILDREN UNCONDITIONALLY**

Ephesians 6:4

1. **Ask God to give you insight into the standard of acceptance you communicate at home by answering the following questions:**
  - How do you feel when your children make mistakes in public?
  - What is your initial verbal response to your children after public mistakes?
  - How do you respond to your peers who are aware of your children's mistakes?
  - Do you emphasize the development of particular abilities over the development of character?
  - How would your children answer this question: *"What do you think it would take for you to make your parent(s) proud of you?"*
2. **Make a list of the character qualities you would like to see developed in your children. Begin praying and encouraging accordingly.**
3. **Pray for God to give you insight into your own insecurities.**

ENCOURAGING THEM TO FIND GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THEIR LIVES

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Fill in the blanks: THINK, GIFTS, finances, fulfillment, STEWARDSHIP, TREAT, LANGUAGE, LOVE, CHILDHOOD, EXPERIENCES, LOVING, ACCEPTING, PURPOSE

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