

Topic: Growing Healthy Families – Part 3 of 4
Scripture: Matthew 5:48 & Proverbs 22:6
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IMPORTANT KEYS FOR RAISING KIDS

Matthew 5:48 "Be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect."
Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

I. I MUST _____ MY CHILDREN.

John 8:28 So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me."

What do I teach them?

1. _____ Deut. 6:5-7
2. _____ Deut. 6:1-4

How do I do that? 1 Thes. 2:10-12

1. Be _____
2. Be _____
3. Be _____

II. I MUST _____ MY CHILDREN.

Psalm 145:8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate...

Acts 15:7-9 ... God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them

Rom. 15:7 Accept one another just as Christ accepts you.

III. I MUST _____ MY CHILDREN.

Hebrews 12:6 "... The Lord disciplines whom He loves ..."

Proverbs 13:24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

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Prov. 19:18 (GN) "Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don't, you are helping them destroy themselves."

"PUNISHMENT"

Purpose: _____
Focus: _____
Attitude: _____
Result: _____

"DISCIPLINE"

How to Discipline:

1. Do it _____ Prov. 29:11
2. Do it _____
3. Do it _____ Col. 3:21 (LB)

IV. I MUST BE _____ WITH MY CHILDREN.

Psalm 145:17 "The Lord is righteous in all His ways..."

Deuteronomy 32:4 Everything [God] does is just and fair.
Proverbs 20:7 "It is a wonderful heritage to have an honest father."

Psalm 145:13b "The Lord is faithful to all His promises."

How do I demonstrate honesty?

1. Don't imply _____.
2. Keep your _____.

V. I MUST _____ TO MY CHILDREN.

1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

Three ways kids understand love...

1. Through _____ (Ps. 145:9)
2. Through _____ (Ps. 145:14)
3. Through _____ (Ps. 145:18)

Malachi 4:6 "He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers..."