

Healthy Relationships

Relating To Our Kids God's Way

Parenting isn't easy!

God has a simple plan...

Be an example of loving God. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- Jesus said that to love Him is to obey Him. John 14:15
- Jesus said that the whole law and prophets are dependent on loving God and loving others. Matthew 22:37-40
- Loving God is a whole life experience...
 - all of us, our whole heart, soul, might, mind! Deut. 6:5; Matthew 22:37
 - all the time! Deuteronomy 6:7-9
- An example is a pattern to follow, something to imitate.
- Our children will imitate us, good or bad!

Teach them God's way. Ephesians 6:4

- Don't provoke them to anger.
 - Our own anger and frustration, possible physical or verbal abuse.
 - Lack of clear boundaries, inconsistency.
 - Unrealistic expectations.
 - No praise.
 - Comparisons to others.
 - Favoritism.
 - Smothering or overly restricting them.
- Discipline your children. Ephesians 6:4
 - This word means to systematically train.
 - This includes that idea of correction.
 - This word also implies consequences for wrong doing, including corporal action. Proverbs 13:24; Hebrews 12:5-11
- Instruct your children. Ephesians 6:4
 - To put principles of behavior in their mind, such as those found in Proverbs.
 - To work on the right attitude. Ephesians 6:1-3
 - To work with each child according to their own unique bent. Proverbs 22:6

There is hope for our children! II Timothy 3:14-15