

Discussion Questions

1. How do you spiritually raise your children? I mean, we realize that the Spirit has to work in their hearts and lives, but how do we balance that and not squash expressions of simple faith and love?

2. How can you make church more alive and real for your children? What should they learn from church? How do you speak about it with them?



Spiritual Parenting



Teaching Children
Practically & Winsomely

Principles for Spiritual Parenting

1. We should seek the love and mercy of the Father
(1 Cor. 13; Rom. 5:5; Lk. 15)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. We should seek union and communion with Christ (Jn. 15)
 - a. _____
 - b. The Christian's fixed address:
 - a. Communion through word (vs. 7)
 - b. Communion through prayer (vs. 7)
 - c. Communion through love (9-10)
3. We need to seek the filling and leading of the Spirit
(Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:16)
 - a. Filling
 - b. Leading

Practices for Spiritual Parenting

1. It means doing the little things personally & continually
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. It means teaching our children
 - a. Lovingly
 - b. Patiently
 - c. Prayerfully
 - d. Exemplary
 - e. With loving discipline when necessary

Pattern for Spiritual Parenting

1. Kind invitation
 - a. Come!
 - b. Listen!
2. Special subject
 - a. I will teach you
 - b. The fear of the Lord
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
3. Important lessons
 - a. Keeping your tongue.
"Most of a man's sins are in his words" (Thomas Manton)
 - b. Departing from evil. Like Joseph who said: "how shall I do this great evil and sin against God?" (Gen. 39:9)
 - c. Doing good (Mic. 6:8; Rom. 12:1ff)
 - d. Seeking peace
 - i. In the Lord Jesus Christ (Is. 9:6; Eph. 2:14)
 - ii. Praying for peace (Ps. 122:6)
 - iii. Seeking to live at peace with others

Purpose for Spiritual Parenting

1. Glory of God
2. Good of our Children