## Ten Biblical Truths I have learned by being a Parent

- 1. A father and a mother are vital to the growth of a child This is God's design and anything else is tragic.

  God can be a father to the fatherless...
- 2. If a parent is to be effective, they need to "be there".
- 3. Quality time really is more important than quantity of time.
- 4. Sin must be dealt with properly.

  Small issues should be dealt with appropriately.

  If everything is a big deal, nothing is a big deal, but there are "big deals".
- 5. Prayer is vital to our family's spiritual relationship.
- 6. There is no "time off" from being a biblical parent.
- 7. It really is (as Jesus said) better to give than to receive.
- 8. LOVE is the most important element of a Christian home.
- 9. When you make a mistake, you must sincerely apologize to your child. Your children see your mistakes.

  They need to know that you can see them too (model humility).
- 10. Raising children has taught me that I need Christ for everything.