

Lessons Learned

While Discipling Women and Raising Children

God has established families as the best possible environment for human development. As we walk by faith in Christ, He will transform us into His image and allow us to have a positive influence on our children and on other women.

I. WALK WITH JESUS

- A. Walk of Faith Heb. 12:1,2
- B. Good News before bad news – *Devotional life* Ps. 143:8
- C. Better than Peter Pumpkin Eater – *Scripture memory* Duet. 6:6-9
- D. Home, Sweet, Home – *for ministry* Titus 2:4
- E. Family time worth fighting for Rom. 12:2
- F. Pray! And *RJP* Mark 10:51, Ps.116:1,2, Ps. 38:1,2

II. WAYS TO HELP WOMEN

- A. Relational Principles – *Submit, Serve, Forgive* Eph. 5:22, 6:7, 4:32
- B. Priority Principles – *Time and Goals* Eph. 5:15
- C. Financial Principles – *'Til Debt Due Us Part* Pr. 31:11, I Chr 29:14
- D. Help with “*Home-Work*” Pr. 31:27
- E. Physically Fit Pr. 31:17

III. WAYS YO HELP CHILDREN

- A. Skills – “*You can do that*” Pr. 22:29
- B. Knowing Christ and *making Him known* Col. 1:6,10
- C. On Guard Eph. 6:10
- D. On Issues – Bring honor to His name Jn. 17:18,19 Ps. 23:3

Conclusion: As you walk with Jesus, you can disciple your children and other women, and it's worth doing!

SUGGESTED BOOKS

1. The Lost Art of Disciplemaking – LeRoy Eims
2. Meditation: The Bible Tells You How – Jim Downing (888-547-9635)
3. Born To Reproduce – Dawson Trotman
4. 31 Days of Praise – Ruth Myers
5. A Woman After God's Own Heart – Elizabeth George
6. Taking Care of the Me in Mommy – Lisa Whetchel
7. A Woman's Complete Home Organizer – Rena Stronach (Amazon.com)
8. The Queen Cleans Everything – Linda Cobb (Amazon.com)

BOOKS ABOUT CHILDREN

1. A Mother's Heart – Jeannie Fleming
2. You and Your Child – Charles Swindol
3. Housekeeping Skills for Kids – Davidene Humphreys www.lifestyleimpact.com
4. 401 Ways to Get Your Kids to Work at Home ISBN 0-312-30147-2
5. The Power of Modeling – Jorie Kincaid ISBN 08910-95586
6. Train Up A Child – Debi Pearl
7. How To Raise Your Children for Christ – Andrew Murry (Amazon.com)
8. Growing Kids God's Way – Gary Ezzo
9. How To Really Love Your Child – Dr. Ross Campbell
10. Dare To Discipline – Dr. James Dobson ISBN 0-842-3-0522 X
11. When Your Kids Aren't Kids Anymore – Jerry and Mary White
12. How To Develop Your Child's Temperament - Beverly LaHaye /Amazon
13. Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining and Bad Attitudes In You & Your Kids – Scott Turansky, D.Min. and Joanne Miller, R.N., BSN

BIBLE STUDIES

1. Lessons on Assurance – Navpress
2. Studies In Christian Living – Navpress
3. Design For Discipleship – Navpress
4. The Godly Woman – Irma Warr
5. Homemaking – Doornenbal and Lemstra (Amazon.com)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR CHILDREN

Deut. 6:6-9 God's Word should be with us and taught to our children when we walk and talk in our home...

1. Teach the verse correctly even if in part; short verse, relevant meaning
2. Review consistently in a loving atmosphere
3. Parents set example in memorizing scripture
4. Act out verse, sing it, clap rhythm, or give story about it

How to Memorize the Verse

1. Say verse out loud – Deut. 6:7
2. Learn the reference by saying it before and after saying the verse
3. Write the verse on a card with the reference on the back
4. Review the verse daily for 8 weeks then one time a week
5. Be alert to opportunities to apply it to life
6. Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring it to mind and use it in child's life

Why Teach a Child To Memorize Scripture

1. Young minds are like a sponge and can retain things for life
2. To help keep pure and wise – Ps.119:9-11
3. It gives the Holy Spirit a vocabulary to teach, use and guide child
4. The Word is a living sword to discern thoughts and intentions
5. It's commanded to teach the Word diligently at home

Some Verses to Memorize

1. I John 4:16 ...God is love...
2. Eph. 4:32 Be kind, one to another...
3. Ehp. 6:1 Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right
4. Gen.1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth
5. Pr. 27:2 Let another praise you and not your own mouth
6. Ps. 23:1 Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need
7. Phil. 2:14 Do everything without complaining or arguing
8. Ex. 20:3-17 (The Ten Commandments)
9. Is. 43:5 Fear not, for I am with you
10. Pr. 20:11 Even a child is known by his doings
11. Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ because He gives me strength
12. Acts 16:31 ..Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved..

Sunday—In Wisdom—*Intellect and Righteousness*

1. That my children would develop keenness of mind and clarity of thinking. That they would be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. (Matt. 10:16)
2. That the Lord would guard their minds from Satanic, worldly and carnal influences. (II Cor. 11:3)
3. That they have a heart to learn from their parents, that they be teachable. Eph. 6:4, Prov. 1:8-9 LB
4. Purity of heart and mind, to be filled with righteousness. (Prov. 4:23)
5. Thank the Lord for the gracious gift of your children and how He is using them in your life to mold you into the image of Christ. (Psalm 127:3-5, Gen. 33:5)

Monday—In Wisdom—*Socially and Educationally*

1. God would place a protective hedge around our children so strong that Satan cannot enter and lead them into temptation. (Psalm 33:20, Job 1:10)
2. Our children would use godly wisdom in selecting their friends, for friends and peers do make a difference. (Prov. 1:10, Deut. 13:6-8, I Cor. 15:33)
3. They will be alert and thinking as they attend school and take exams and they will be motivated to do the best they are capable of doing. (Col. 3:23, I Cor. 10:31)
4. Pray for your children's teachers (school, church, etc.), coach and principal that God would give them wisdom in teaching, ability to communicate, fairness, patience and a soft heart for God. (Col. 1:9-12)

Tuesday—In Stature—Physically

1. That they be safe from evil and tragedy and from godless people whom God has turned over to a reprobate mind. (Psalm 138:7, 34:7)
2. Our children would stay pure. (Psalm 24:4, Job 17:9)
3. That they be strong and in good health (Prov. 15:30)
4. That they gain godly stature and be mighty of spirit. (I Sam. 10:26—men of valor whose hearts God had touched)
5. That God would enrich their lives with quality and memorable experiences. (Prov. 3:1-2)

Wednesday—In favor with God—Spiritually

1. That Christ would be the Lord of their life. (Luke 6:46, 14:26-27)
2. That God would give them a hunger for His word. (I Peter 2:2)
3. That God would fill their hearts with zeal for Christ and His kingdom. (John 2:17)
4. That they will be filled with the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 5:18)
5. Their lives will count for God and He will use them as a testimony and witness for His glory. Ask that they exceed us, not materially or educationally, but in their spiritual walk! (Psalm 103:17-18, Isa. 54:13, Psalm 78:1-8)

Thursday – In favor with man – *socially*

1. That they have gracious speech. (Col. 4:6)
2. That they develop a love for righteousness and moral purity (I John 2:15-16)
3. That they will be caught if they wander into cheating, lies or mischief. (Prov. 20:30)
4. That they develop an attractive lifestyle based on principles of scripture.
Faithfulness – Prov. 20:6
Loyal – Prov. 3:4
Skillful – Prov. 22:29
Resourceful – Ps. 1:3
Hard working – Ps 1:3
Reliable and honest – Lk. 8:15, Titus 3:1
Of good repute – Prov. 22:1
5. That they learn to appreciate correction, reproof and wisdom. (Prov. 9:9, 12:1)
6. That they share Christ and lead many to Christ. (Isa:12)

Friday – For daughters or daughter-in-law (present or future)

1. That they grow to be sensible, chaste, domestic, kind and submissive. (Titus 2:5)
2. That they acquire the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit. (I Peter 3:4)
3. Remove fears and replace them with a quiet confidence. (I Peter 3:6, Prov. 3:5)
4. Security in Christ, His protection, His provision, His completeness (John 10:28, Heb. 13:6)
5. A godly husband. (Ps. 128:14)
6. That God would knit her heart to mine for life. (I Sam. 18:1)

Saturday -- For Sons or Son-in-laws (present or future)

1. That God would develop leadership qualities in their lives by giving them a clear vision of His will based on His word, and produce in them honesty, faithfulness, a servant's heart, generosity, humility, loyalty, courage, compassion and skill.

(Ps 78:70-72)

2. A holy life above reproach. (I Tim. 3:2)
3. That they would stay morally pure. (I Cor. 6:19-20)
4. A godly wife. (Prov. 31:10)
5. Knit my heart to their hearts for life. (I Sam. 18:1)

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