

So You Want to Be a Good Parent?

What are the basics for those who desire to be the kind of parents God wants? Let me suggest four:

SHOWER THEM WITH LOVE

Children are always changing. But an atmosphere of love makes the change easier. Paul wrote, “Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged” (Colossians 3:21). The more hugs, kisses, and tenderness they receive the better. This is not just the rule for mothers, but for dads, too.

REMEMBER YOU ARE THEIR TEACHER

God commanded Israel to “teach . . . diligently” God’s will to children (Deuteronomy 6:7). It is much easier to punish children when they do wrong than to teach them, but your role as a parent is to teach. Do not expect others to teach your children what God expects you to teach.

DON’T BE AFRAID TO DISCIPLINE

Discipline is hard work. It’s tough to punish your precious little boy or girl. But God said, “He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly” (Proverbs 13:24). “Promptly” means that the parent does not procrastinate, but takes the necessary action. Some things should be observed during discipline:

- ◆ do not injure the child,
- ◆ do it in love, not anger, and
- ◆ apply it promptly, fairly, and consistently.

The word *discipline* comes from a Latin root that means “instruction.” Solomon said, “Chasten your son while there is hope” (Proverbs 19:18). This means don’t wait too long to start. Your children’s future depends on your being a good, fair, loving disciplinarian.

SHOW THEM THE WAY

Children learn from what they see. Make your life what you want your son’s or daughter’s to be like. Children imitate parents. Do you want them imitating your lifestyle, service to the Lord, and work habits? They will. Set the proper example for them.


CONSIDER THIS....

If God gave you custody of your children on condition that you would bring them up in the Lord and bring them to church and Bible school, would you be able to retain custody of your own children?

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Brad Luna had bleeding complications after surgery, but he finally came home Friday.
- ◆ Lisa Goodnight is spending every other weekend with her parents because their health is seriously declining.
- ◆ Sympathy is extended to the Green and Stevens families after the death of Jim Green, Barbara’s cousin.
- ◆ Sympathy also goes to the Trivitt family. Pat Trivitt’s funeral was Wednesday.
- ◆ Sympathy goes to Trey and Merle Scott. Trey’s mother, who was almost 99, died Tuesday in Texas.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Clifford Lansdown, Sue Hambelton, Barbara White, Faye Flaughers, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Don Luna, Harold Reynolds, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry’s sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg’s sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Cindy Gibson, Leroy Collins, Nikki Smith.
- ◆ Those in GHCC: Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at River Lodge, Mtn. Home; Jack Moyers Southern Meadows. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven in West Plains.

Kids and their parents had fun at the splatter paint party last Sunday afternoon. The pictures the kids made can be picked up downstairs today.



THE WORD
OF GOD IS THE
POWER THAT
OVERCOMES THE
DEVIL.

Congratulations to
our GHS graduates!
Andrew Hambelton
Sarah Hossman
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Birthdays		Anniversaries	
5-5	Peggy Johnson	5-9	Paul and Beth Wade
5-11	Brenda Strong	5-14	Lee and Stephane Bearden
5-14	Howard Wade	5-22	Ryan and Amy Stevens
5-15	Bentley Goodman	5-25	D. E. and Tiffany Pleasant
5-14	Howard Wade	Birthdays	
5-15	Bentley Goodman	5-23	Barbara Luna
5-18	Halbert Smith	5-28	Ryan Stevens
5-19	Kayla Hambelton	5-29	Beth Wade
5-20	Gannon Schofield	5-31	Julie Schofield

Vicki is serving taco salad and dessert for Wednesday night fellowship supper.

Date	Event	Details
Today	Splatter Party pictures	Can pick up pictures downstairs
Friday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.	GHS Graduation	Football Field
Sat., May 18, 3 p.m. games; BBQ at 5:30; ice cream sundaes dessert	Family Fun & Fellowship	Bounce house, yard games.
Sat., June 1st	Vacation Bible School	Here
Wed. June 5th	No suppers during summer, June—August	Men and Women's separate classes.

May Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

5-5 John Abraham
 5-12 Mark Lane
 5-19 David Stevens
 5-26 Don Luna

Communion & Closing Prayer

Ryan Stevens
 Titus Smith
 Larry Butler
 Vance Hambelton

Song Leader: John Abraham
Greeters: Tinker and Karen Langston

The Family News

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service: ***Jesus Teaches about Seed, Soil, and Production***

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper
 7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer
 Kids Singing up Front
 #622, Ring Out the Message; #611, *Heavenly Sunlight*
 #332, *Lead Me to Calvary*; Communion Service
 #643, *Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom*
 Scripture Reading by Ima Odinaev, Luke 8:4-8
 Sermon and Invitation
 #944, *What Shall It Be*
 #648, *Stand Up for Jesus*
 Closing Prayer
 Offering baskets are located at the back.

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Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us