



We will sensitively equip everyone to live biblically in a way that strengthens their unique family relationships.

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Don't want to Forgive: April 29, 2018: Authentic Small Groups; Oct. 7, 2018

"The LORD is like a father to his children" (Psalm 103:13)



Be a shelter From Life's Storms

"Those who fear (revere) the Lord are secure; they will be a refuge for their children" (Psalm 64:10)

1. Do I hear them when they need me?

"The LORD is close to all who call on him...he hears their cries for help" (Psalm 145:18)

2. Do I hug them when they are hurting?

"But while (the prodigal son) was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20)

3. Do I help them when they are in trouble?

"The LORD helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads... The LORD protects all those who love him" (Psalm 145:14,20)



Be a school for Life's Learning

"Fathers...bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord." (Eph. 6:4)

4. Do I correct them wisely, not harshly?

"Those who love their children care enough to discipline them." (Prov. 13:24) *"To discipline a child produces wisdom"* (Prov. 29:15) *"Discipline your children, and they will give you peace of mind and will make your heart glad."* (Prov. 29:17)

"The LORD is...slow to get angry." (Psalm 145:8) *"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them."* (Eph. 6:4) *"Fathers, do not aggravate your children or they will become discouraged."* (Col. 3:21)

5. Do I instruct them spiritually?

"parents tell their children about your faithfulness." (Isaiah 38:19)

"commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands...Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up." (Deut. 6:6-7)

6. Do I set an example that is godly?

"The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them." (Prov. 20:7)



Be a Playground For Life's Joy

7. Do I take time to enjoy them?

"Children are a gift from the LORD...How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them" (Psa. 127:3,5)

8. Do I love their other parent?

"Live happily with the woman you love...The wife God gives you is your reward" (Eccl. 9:9)
"a family splintered by feuding will fall apart." (Mark 3:25)



Be a launching pad for Ministry

"As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

9. Do I serve together with them?

"You know that Stephanas and his household were the first of the harvest of believers in Greece, and they are spending their lives in service to God's people. I urge you, dear brothers and sisters, to submit to them and others like them who serve with such devotion." (1 Cor. 16:15-16)

"Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power." (Psalm 145:4)