

BIBLICAL PARENTING TO HELP DISCIPLE YOUR KIDS

PREPARATION

Preparation to accept **responsibility** to be proactive and to set a positive example

Understand the Challenges

Life changes as kids grow up so, “be always on the watch” for issues teens face. Don’t be so naïve to believe problems like substance abuse can’t happen to your family.

Achieve the Right Balance

“Let us examine our ways,” and find balance in parenting. Don’t over-parent by being controlling or under-parent by enabling bad behaviors. Either style is harmful.

Serve as a Good Example

You never want to “cause one of your kids to stumble.” Being a good parent starts by being a good person. Inventory your issues to help set a positive example.

AWARENESS

Awareness to provide **protection** for temptations and dangers your kids may face

Beware Bad Influences

The Bible explains how we live in a fallen world, and “your enemy prowls around like a roaring lion.” With temptations, pray for the best and plan for the worst.

Build Self-Awareness

Children are human, and “the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Your kids are normal to have issues, so help them focus on what they can do about them.

Watch Their Direction

Identify warning signs of your kids moving in a dangerous direction. Look for any changes in their habits, and “watch and pray so they will not fall into temptations.”

CONNECTION

Connection to develop **community** so your kids will experience love and belonging

Control Your Own Tongue

What you say to your kids greatly affects them: “The words of the reckless pierce like swords.” We all have communication blind spots, so find and improve yours.

Show Unconditional Love

When connecting with your kids, “Treat others the way you want to be treated.” They should know you love them unconditionally and trust you to be there for them.

Give Them Your Blessing

Your children need to hear from you that they have value and a future, and it’s okay not to be okay sometimes. Let them hear: “The Lord bless you and keep you.”

EDUCATION

Education to promote **discipleship** and train up your kids with both grace and truth

Teach Them the Way

Coach your teens to equip them for risky situations they will face. Be intentional encouraging positive behaviors so you “train them up in the way they should go.”

Share Grace and Truth

Great parents seek balance; let your kids learn from mistakes but also have boundaries. Share how “grace offers salvation and teaches us to live self-controlled lives.”

Help Them Know God

Model a personal relationship with God for your kids. Remember that “these words shall be on your heart” so you live them out as you also “teach them diligently.”

STEPS

Steps to demonstrate **stewardship** and do your best by building a parenting plan

Be the Best You Can Be

God doesn’t expect you to be perfect. But to be a good steward as a parent, be proactive and do your very best, so you hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Manage a Parenting Plan

Put a thoughtful parenting plan in place knowing, “The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways.” Then, review and adjust the plan as you go along.

Get Strength from Others

Use your resources and get help to never have to say, “We waited too late.” Draw on God’s power and declare, “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”



LOOKING FOR MORE GUIDANCE
TO DISCIPLE YOUR KIDS EFFECTIVELY?

Become proactive to equip your kids to remain happy and safe even in the tumultuous and risky teenage years.