

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1239: How Do We Best Support Our Kids Through Their Hardest Times?

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SHOW NOTES

1. How do we TEACH our younger children to love God? (2 Peter 1:5-7)

Explain the following:

- a. Apply all *diligence* (Psalms 101:2-3)
 - b. Supply *moral excellence* (Philippians 4:8)
 - c. Gain *knowledge* - teach God's word, laws and truth (Deuteronomy 6:7-9)
 - d. Practice *self-control* and delayed gratification (1 Corinthians 9:24-25)
 - e. Reinforce *perseverance* - hard effort brings satisfaction and results (1 Corinthians 9:26-27)
 - f. Exhibit *godliness* (1 Timothy 6:6-7)
 - g. Show the power of *brotherly kindness* (Romans 12:10)
 - h. Demonstrate the profound value of selfless *love* (1 Peter 4:8, Mark 10:13-16)
2. How do we keep open and honest relationships with our children as they become young adults and beyond? In order to move from "Parental Control" to "Mutual Competence," what must a parent do?
- a. Listen: How do we hone our ability to listen to our children? (James 1:19-22)
 - b. Acknowledge: What are the three steps in acknowledging our children's questions and expressions? Explain whether we must or must not agree with their viewpoints and why? (Deuteronomy 6:20-25)
 - c. Act: What are the four basics for acting in Romans 12:9-16? What does this show our children?
 - d. If we have not been this kind of parent, what can we do at this point?
3. How do we react when something bad happens to our children? (2 Timothy 3:1-4) Explain these points:
- a. Protect: What should we do in addition to protecting? (Hebrews 12:12-15)
 - b. Pray: What do we pray for in these situations? (Hebrews 4:15-16)
 - c. Position: What is needed to maintain your stand? (Isaiah 50:6-7)
 - d. Pursue: What might be needed if our child is deeply affected by their experiences? (Luke 5:31)
 - e. Persevere: How does this play a part in the healing of our children? (Psalms 32:8, 34:15,18)
4. How do we handle contradiction, strife and rebellion in our children?
- a. Communicate: Speak in a way they can hear. Explain the progression of these steps:
 - i. Reason with them (Isaiah 1:18)
 - ii. Direct confrontation (1 Corinthians 4:14-16)
 - iii. Third-party examples (2 Samuel 12:1)
 - b. Listen: Listen in a way that opens a pathway of potential understanding. Be approachable. (Hebrews 4:16) How does the way we approach the Father relate to our children approaching us?
 - c. Work: Be focused on constructive discipline. (Luke 15:11-12) Describe natural consequences.
 - d. Warn: When our children turn from righteousness what should we say? (Deuteronomy 30:17-20)
 - e. Wait: Describe the father's reaction in the prodigal son to his son's rebellion. (Luke 15:20-24)
 - f. Renew: How does our faith in God's providence and power in our lives affect our children? (Romans 8:26-28) How do you share your faith with the children in your life?