

# HOW TO RAISE GODLY CHILDREN IN TODAYS CULTURE



Let's face it . . . it's pretty challenging raising children in today's culture. There are just so many things that fight for their attention, yet, as parents we're called to navigate them through life with all its distractions.

An important question to ask yourself is : ***How do we raise Godly children in today's culture?*** In this month's resource, we encourage you first to watch the video clip from "Focus on the Family". In this clip, Arlene Pellicane (an author of 12 books) answers this very question and offers valuable advice to you.

Once you've watched this clip, take time to work through the following questions :

Do you have fun with your children and if so, what does "fun" look like for them?

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How do your children treat you? Do they treat you with respect or not? What kind of values are you building into them that will cause them to respect you and others?

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How do you get them to honour and obey you?

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What would you like your children to remember when they leave your home and go into the world as young adults?

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

To have rules in place, you must have a relationship with your children, otherwise rules mean nothing! In the clip you've watch, Arlene gives **8 key strategies** for better parenting :

1. Amusement - your life does not revolve around entertaining your children.
2. Parents call the shots, NOT the children.
3. Routine and boundaries provide security.
4. Bible and prayer daily.
5. Marriage FIRST.
6. Talk time - healthy food around the dinner table.
7. Love spelt T.I.M.E. with your children.
8. Launching adults - not "babying" your children.

### **Ephesians 6:1-4** (ICB - International Children's Bible)

Children, obey your parents the way the Lord wants. This is the right thing to do. The command says, "Honour your father and mother".

