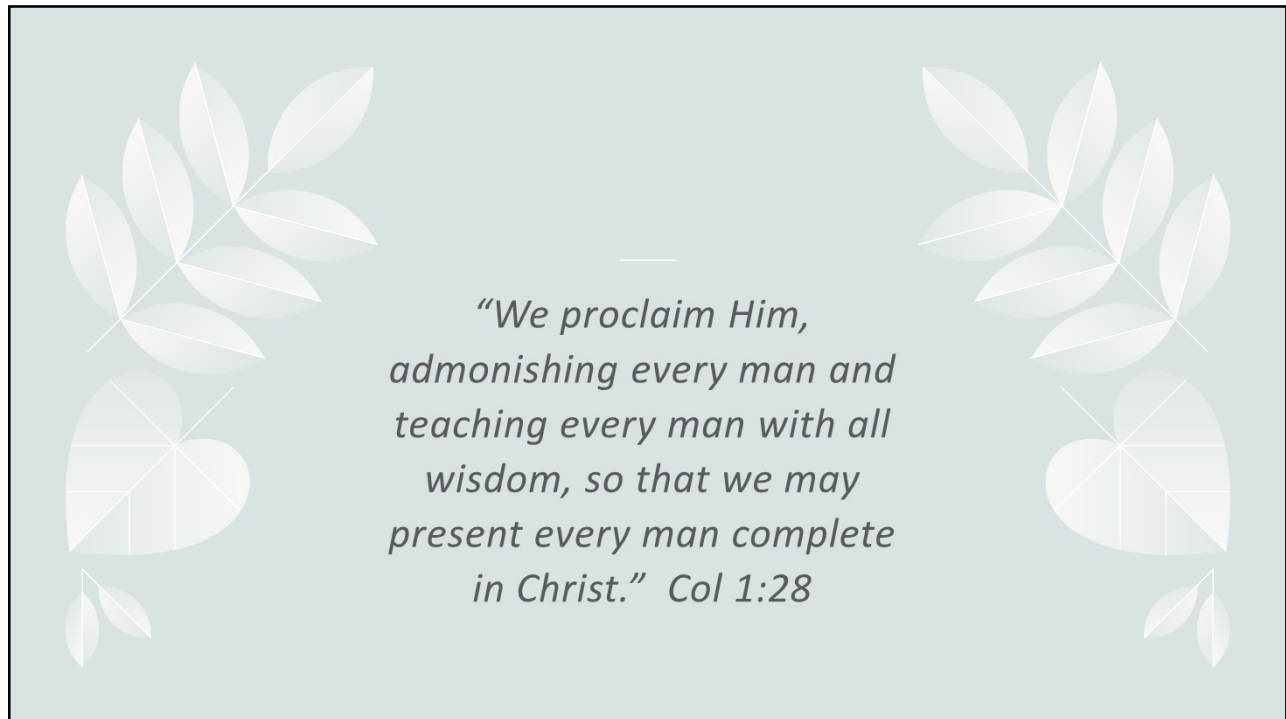


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*“that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Col 2:2-3*

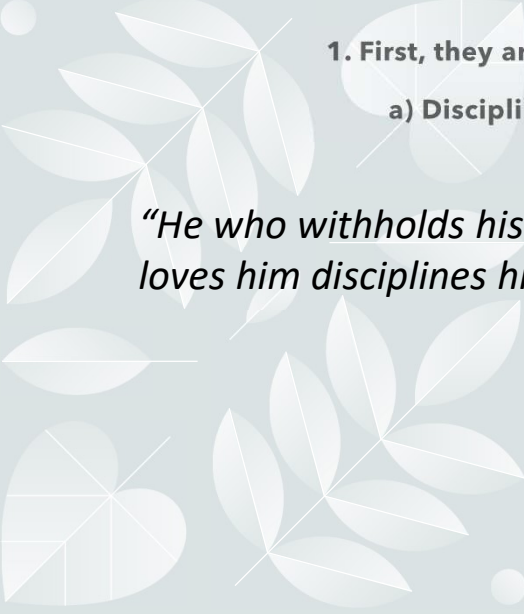


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*“I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy. For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.” 2 Tim 1:3-5*

*“You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings, which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” 2 Tim 3:14-15*

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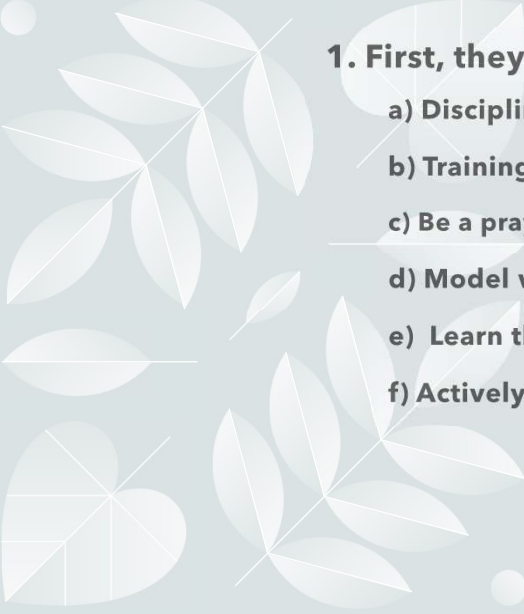


**1. First, they are young.**

a) Discipline or spanking

*“He who withholds his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.” Proverbs 13:24*

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**1. First, they are young.**

a) Discipline or spanking

b) Training in the non-critical time

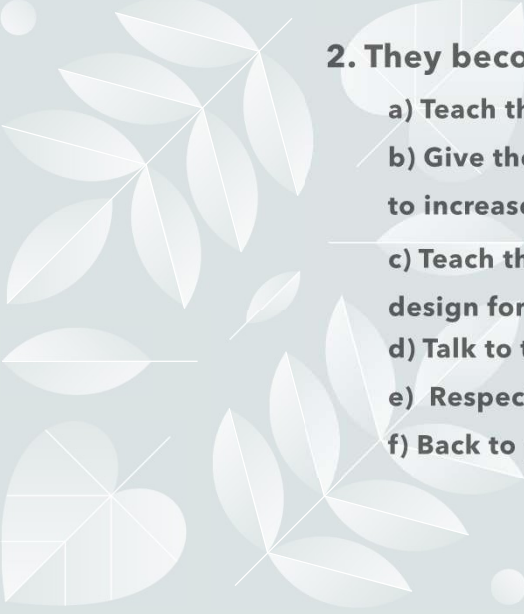
c) Be a prayer warrior for your children.

d) Model what it looks like to spend time in the Word.

e) Learn their communication style.

f) Actively date your husband.

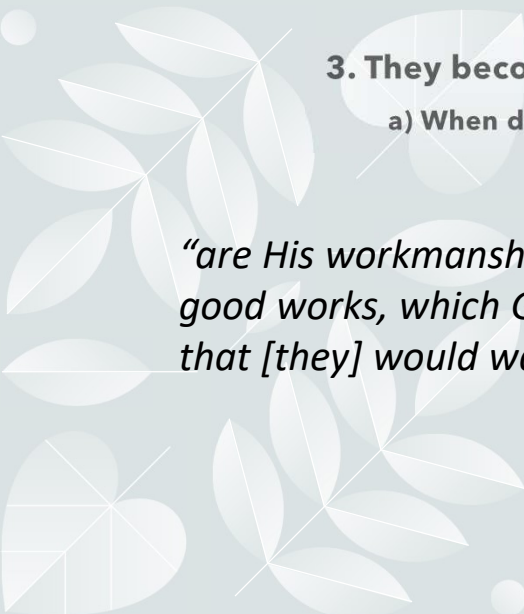
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**2. They become aliens.**

- a) Teach them to communicate.
- b) Give them responsibilities and allow the responsibilities to increase as they age.
- c) Teach them about finances, decision making, and God's design for sex and marriage.
- d) Talk to them about community and friendships
- e) Respect other parents' authority.
- f) Back to prayer.

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**3. They become adults.**

- a) When do you stop being a parent.

*“are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that [they] would walk in them.” Eph 2:10*

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### 3. They become adults.

- a) When do you stop being a parent.
- b) Making choices and our opinion.

*“If we want our children to mature into responsible adults, we’ve simply got to let them make their own choices and then learn from those decisions. We cannot (and should not) force them to follow our will – even when we know we’re in the right. If a relationship of opened and mutual respect has ben developed over the years, hopefully they’ll seek and heed our counsel as people who know them well and have their best interests at heart.” You Never Stop Being a Parent, Jim Newheiser & Elyse Fitzpatrick*

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### 3. They become adults.

- a) When do you stop being a parent.
- b) Making choices and our opinion.

*“Of course, this means that I will never be a “parenting graduate.” For as long as I live, I will need to grow in grace so that I will honor boundaries, resist giving unsolicited advice, and steadfastly reject unrealistic expectations of my adult children. I will need to trust God to instill in my heart a genuine and unselfish love for my family that enables me to see their ever-expanding world as a gift rather than a threat.” Michelle Morin*

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### 3. They become adults.

- a) When do you stop being a parent.
- b) Making choices and our opinion.
- c) They are getting married!

*"Some Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife. And He answered and said to them, "what did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and the two shall become one flesh so they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." Mark 10: 2-9*

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### 3. They become adults.

- a) When do you stop being a parent.
- b) Making choices and our opinion.
- c) They are getting married!
- d) They are becoming parents!!
- e) Back to prayer.
- f) Why is it important to have a relationship with your adult children?

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#### 4. Our children transition into parenting us.

*“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not [merely] look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, [and] being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Philippians 2:3-8*

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#### 4. Our children transition into parenting us.

*“The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, They will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green, To declare that the Lord is upright, He is my rock, and there is not unrighteousness in Him.” Psalm 92:12-15*

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#### 4. Our children transition into parenting us.

*Jim Koerber states in his article "Caring for Aging Parents "Our desire is to come alongside our aging parents, aunts, uncles, friends to help them to bear fruit, to be ever full of sap and green. Not so they can experience their best life now! Rather, so they can point to a glorious Savior who is upright and unmovable."*

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#### 4. Our children transition into parenting us.

*"Honor your Father and Mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth." Ephesians 6:2*

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*“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose trust is the Lord. For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit.”  
Jeremiah 17:7-8*

