FATHER'S DAY: JUNE 16, 2024



#### KITE FLYING AND PARENTING

- Kites & Kids Are Constructed In The House Designed to Fly Outside
- Kites & Kids Are Prone To The Prevailing Winds
- In Kite Flying & Parenting You Have To Keep Running At First
- In Kite Flying & Parenting You Let Out The String Little By Little -- Until The Kite Can Soar

#### WHAT SUCCESS IN THE RAISING OF CHILDREN LOOKS LIKE

- 1) Having Good Values -- 25%
- 2) Being Happy Adults -- 25%
- 3) Finding Success In Life -- 22%
- 4) Being A Good Person -- 19%
- 5) Graduating From College -- 17%
- 6) Living Independently -- 15%
- 7) Being Godly, Having Faith In God -- 9%

• If You Keep Doing What You Are Doing What Are Your Chances Of Success In Helping Them To Find God's Best For Their Lives?

 Is There Anything You Can Do To Level The Playing Field And Help The Children, And Others, In Your Life Come To A Strong Faith In Christ?

#### **OUR STARTING PLACE:**

- WHO WE ARE? we are believers in Christ
- WHERE WE ARE? is we are on the path to eternal life
- WE ARE NOT ON YOUR OWN. The Lord is our partner
- John 15:5 " I Am The Vine; You Are The Branches. The One Who Remains In Me And I In Him Produces Much Fruit. Because You Can Do Nothing Without Me.

 When Children ( Or Grandchildren) Watch And Listen To You -- They Will See And Hear What Is Happening In You And In Your Life!

 Will They See And Hear Things You Hope They Remember? Or Things You Hope They Will Forget?

**Genesis 17:5 (NIV)** — **5** No longer will you be called Abram; (EXALTED FATHER) your name will be Abraham, (FATHER OF MANY) for I have made you a father of many nations.

#### **What Makes a Parent?**

- Responsibilities as provider, protector, and defender of a child.
- A Teacher
- To physically raise, emotionally nurture, and spiritually nourish.

Hunt, J. (2008). Biblical Counseling Keys on Parenting: Steps for Successful Parenting (p. 1).

#### What Is a Father?

- Nourisher, protector, upholder.
- Responsibility to provide leadership, guidance, and protection.
- Hunt, J. (2008). Biblical Counseling Keys on Parenting: Steps for Successful Parenting (p. 1).

#### **ALMOST EVERYONE HAS DAD STORIES -**

 Children will invariably talk, eat, walk, think, respond, and act like their parents.

- Dads: There Are Going To Be Dad Stories
- Give Them Something Good To Talk About!

# 1. TALK ABOUT GOD -- WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU: YOUR TESTIMONY

• **Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NIV)** – 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

- A. TELL ABOUT YOUR STORY
- **B. TELL ABOUT YOUR TEST**
- C. TELL ABOUT YOUR TESTIMONY

#### **HOW IMPORTANT IS YOUR TESTIMONY?**

 Your great testimony can bring your kids or those who hear it, to the next level that they need to be on. It will help to teach them and to grow them in their faith.

### 2. PRAY OUT LOUD

There Is A Necessity Of Overcoming Prayer

#### A. PRAY BEFORE YOUR FAMILY (A MODEL)

-let them see & hear you pray

### **B. PRAY WITH YOUR FAMILY (A MENTOR)**

-have family prayer times

### C. PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY (A MANTLE)

- include them in your prayers

### 3. LIVE YOUR FAITH OUT LOUD

- Live A Life Of Faith. Faith Is Key To Christian Life
- What Is Faith? Faith Is The Confidence That God's Word Is True And The Conviction That Acting Upon It Will Ring God's Blessing.
- We Cannot Walk, Crawl, Move, Or Go On Without Faith

#### LIVE YOUR FAITH OUT LOUD:

- 1. Love Your Wife
- 2. Take Your Family To Church
- 3. Make Your Own Spiritual Growth A Priority -
- 4. Spend Time With Your Children
- 5. Model Christlike Behavior
  - Jim George . A Man After God's Own Heart--Harvest House Publishers

### **The Story About A Second Chance**

• "Get up and go back in. The game is only half over."

### **How Do We Access That 2nd Chance?**

• Acts 3:19 (NIV) 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

### How to Pray for your Friends and Family

- Pray for their relationship with God. That it will grow
- Pray that they would be saved
  Pray for their character.
- Pray they will have the fruits of the spirit
- Pray God will break the sins and strongholds
- Pray they will handle the trials in a godly way.

- Pray that they will learn to rejoice in God
- Pray they will learn to trust God
- Pray against discouragement and depression.
- Pray for physical, emotional, & spiritual strength & time to rest.
- Pray their minds will be renewed, and their thinking changed.
- Pray against Satan and his demons.
- Pray that they will learn the lessons God wants to teach them.
- Pray that their faith will not fail.

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